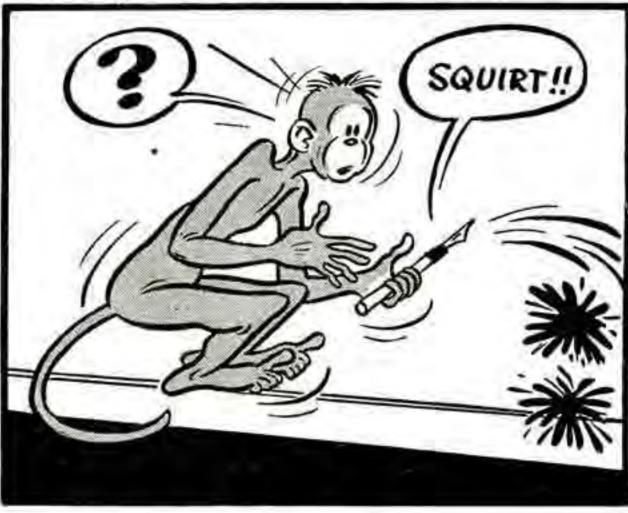




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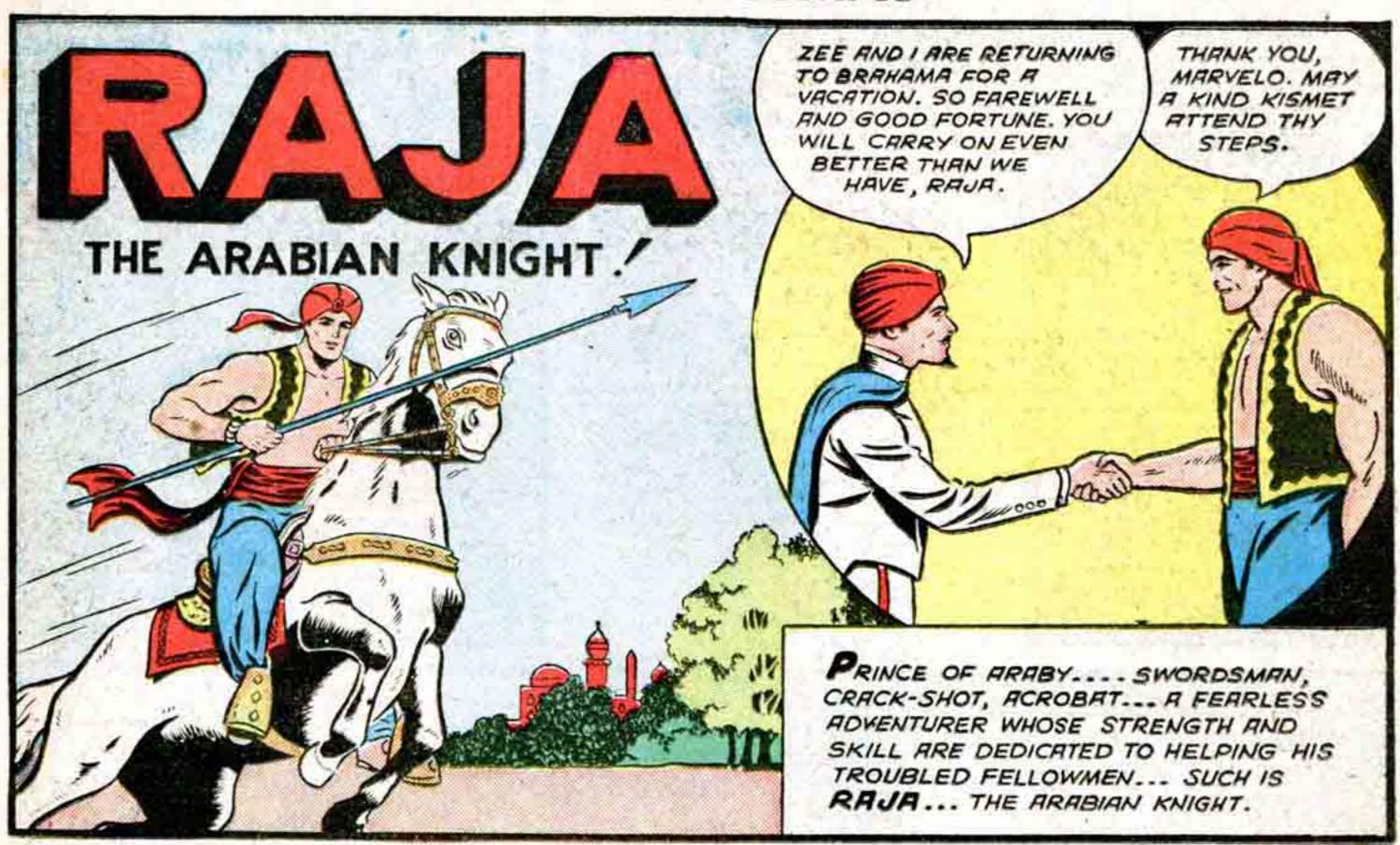


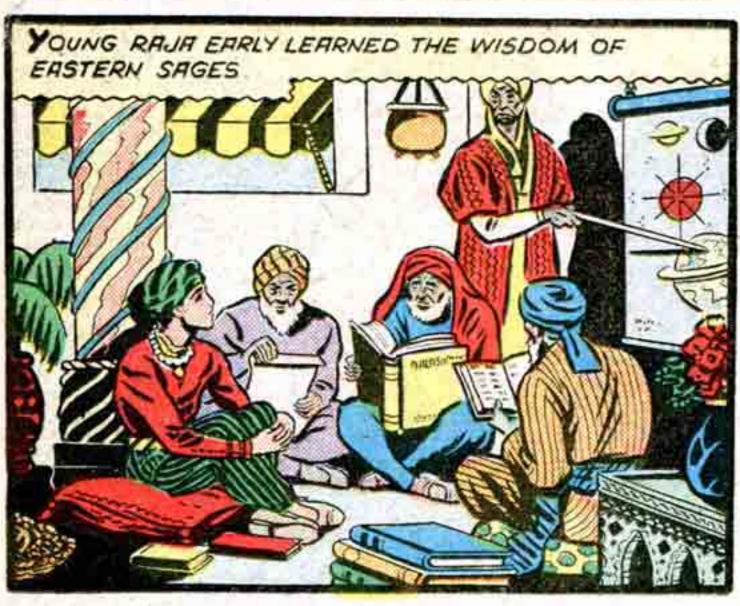




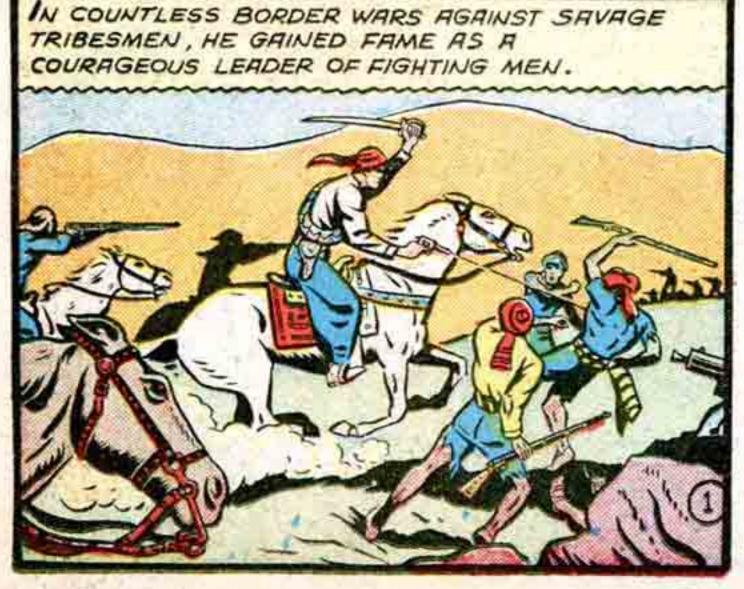
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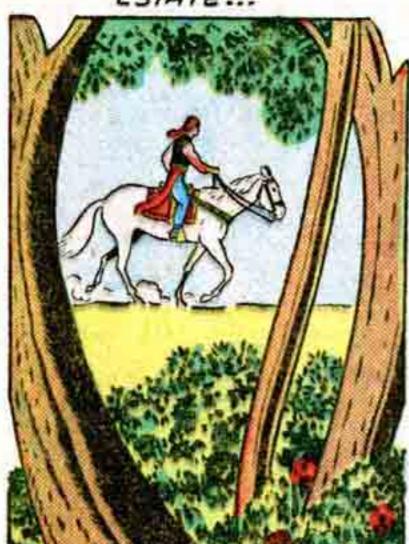








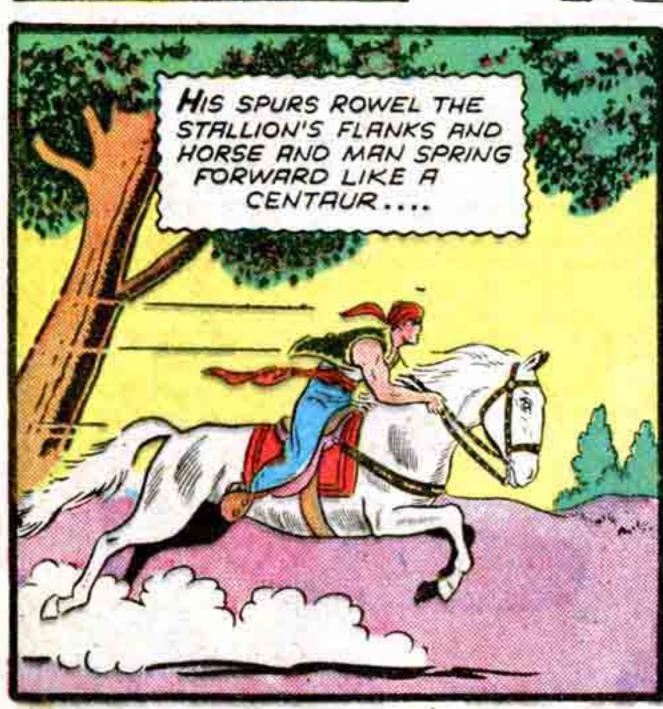
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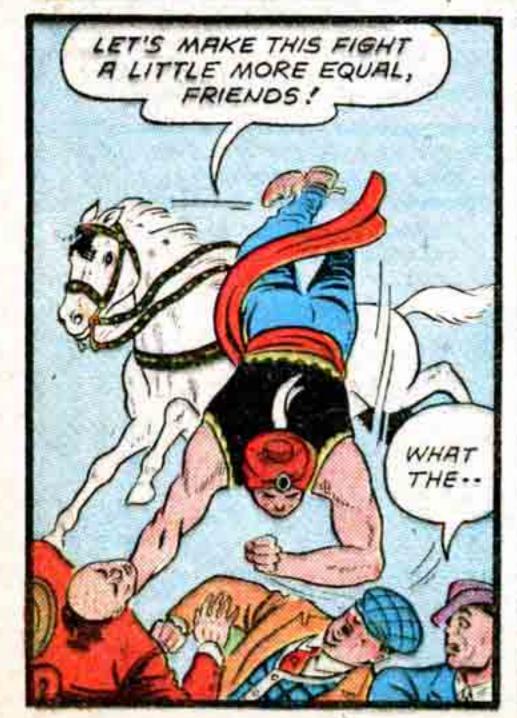
SUDDENLY RAJA PULLS UP





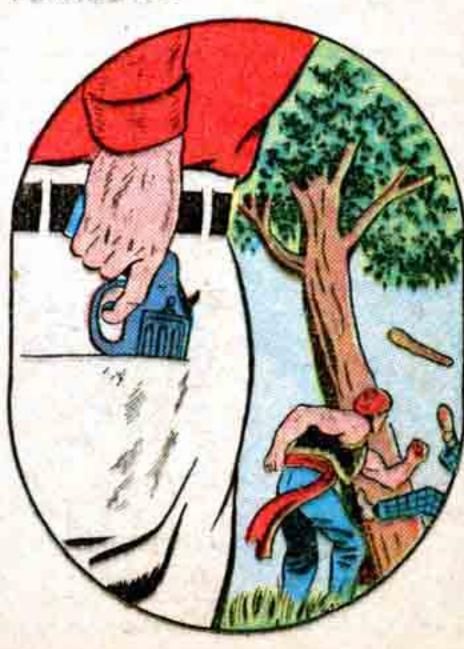








BUT AS RAJA'S BACK IS TURNED

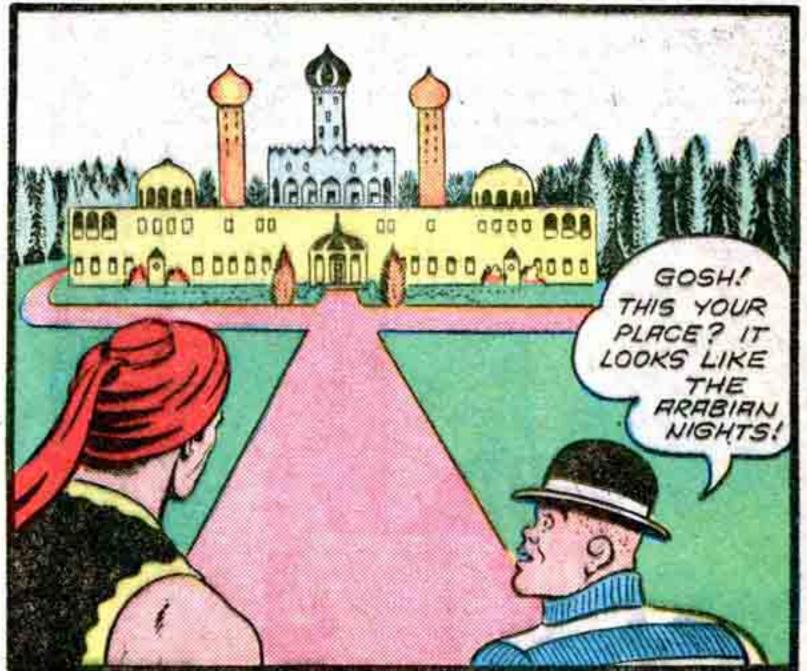










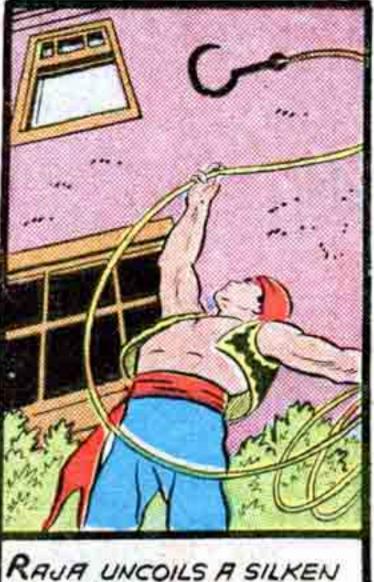












ROPE AND WHIRLS IT

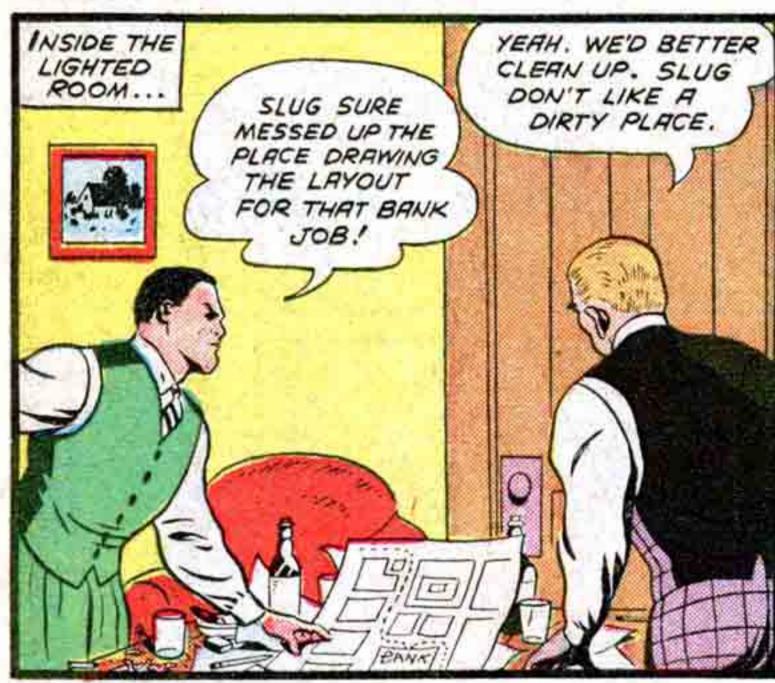
EXPERTLY OVER HIS

FLIES
THE
SILKEN
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TO IT
FRSTENS
SECURELY
ON
THE
ROOF...

Up

UP ...



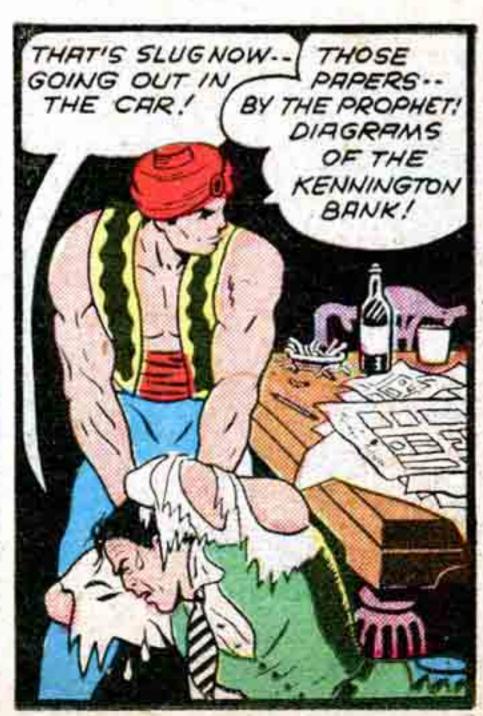






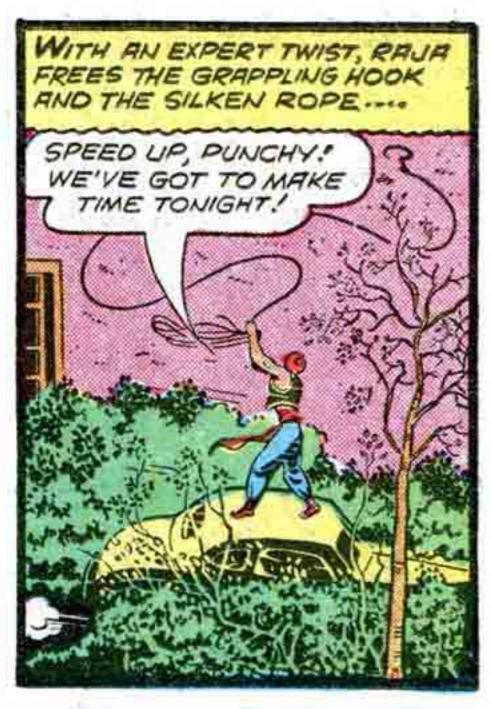


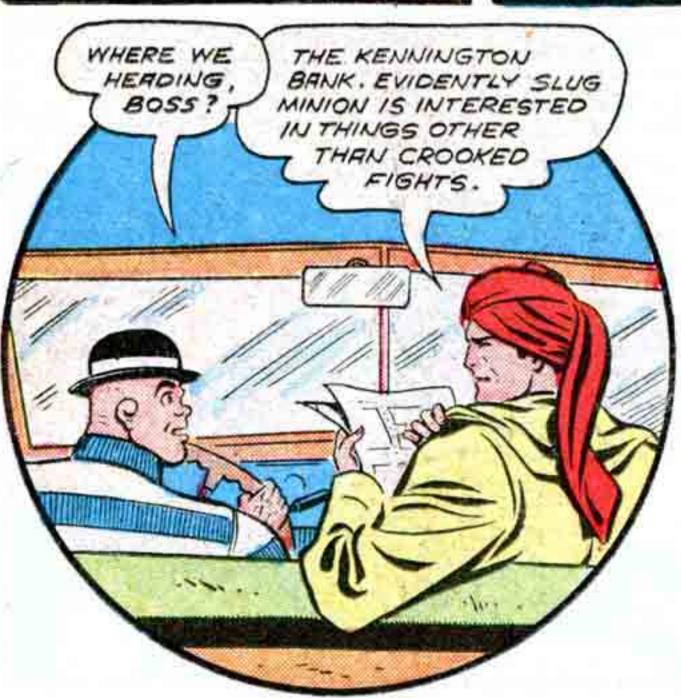
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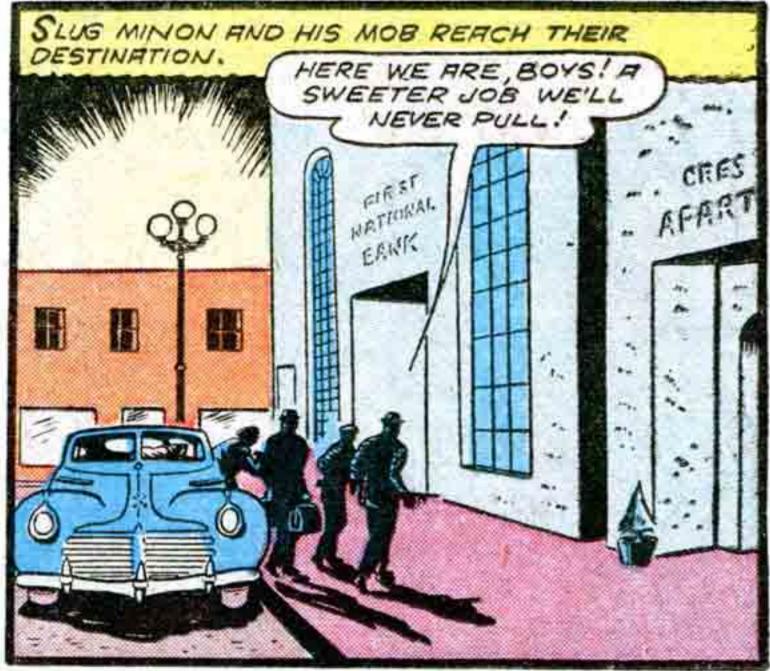














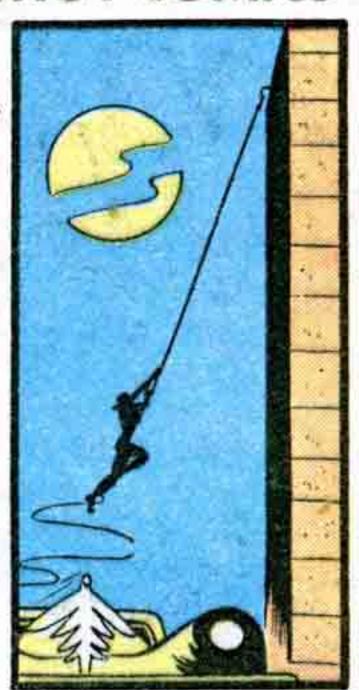




MINUTES LATER, RAJA ARRIVES.



ONCE MORE THE GRAPPLING HOOK FINOS 17'5 MARK ... AND RAUA ASCENDS THE SILKEN ROPE LIKE AN AGILE APE!





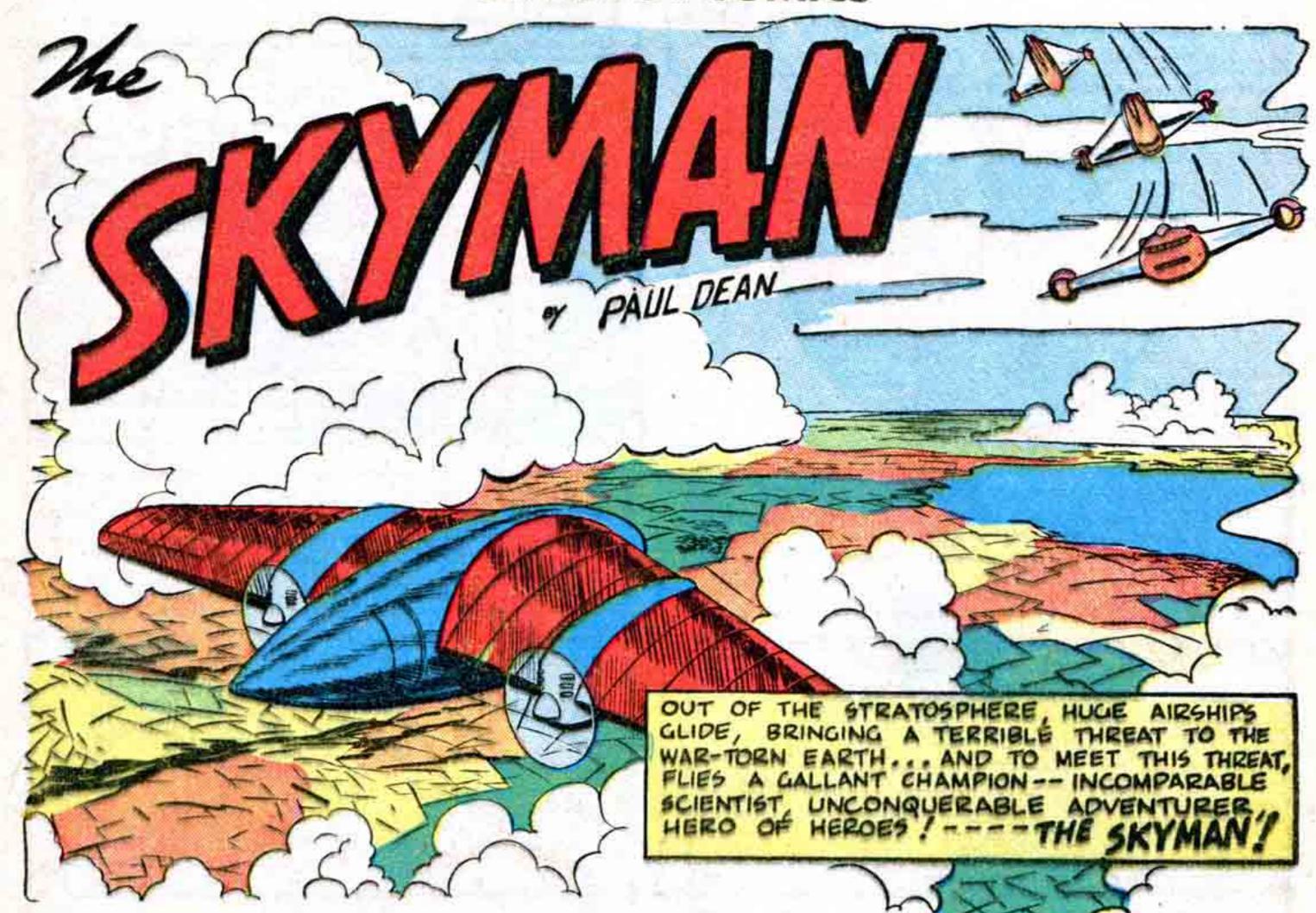


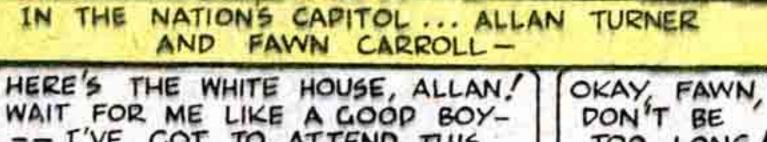












WAIT FOR ME LIKE A GOOD BOY-- I'VE GOT TO ATTEND THIS
FRESS CONFERENCE!

DON'T BE
TOO LONG!

LUCKY THING I HAVE A PRESS CARD--AS SKYMAN I'M INTERESTED IN THAT CONFERENCE MYSELF! JUST HAVE TO BE CAREFUL NOT TO LET FAWN SEE ME!

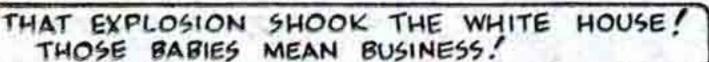


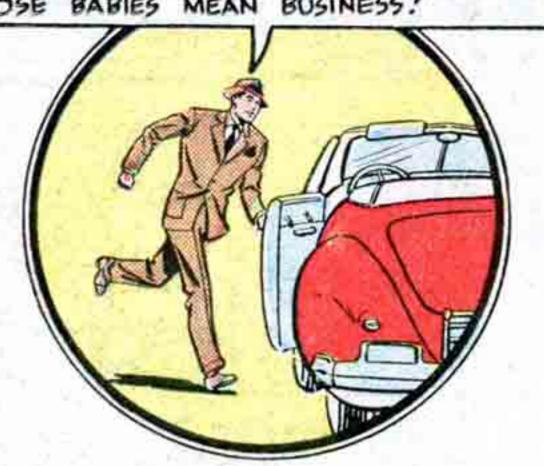
IN THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE ...

THESE MARTIANS, AS THEY CALL THEMSELVES, SAY THEY WILL DESTROY UNION STATION IF WE DON'T AGREE TO DISCUSS TREATY TERMS BY 10 O'CLOCK. NATURALLY, WE HAVE REFUSED --- AND IT IS NEARLY TEN!

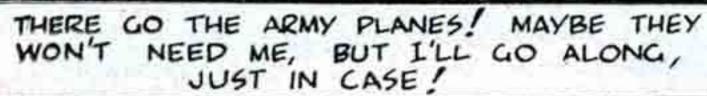




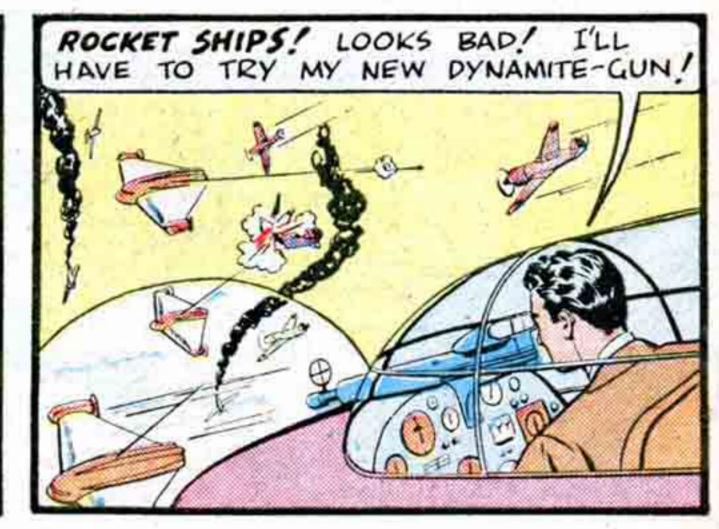


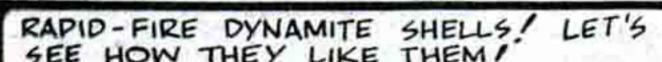


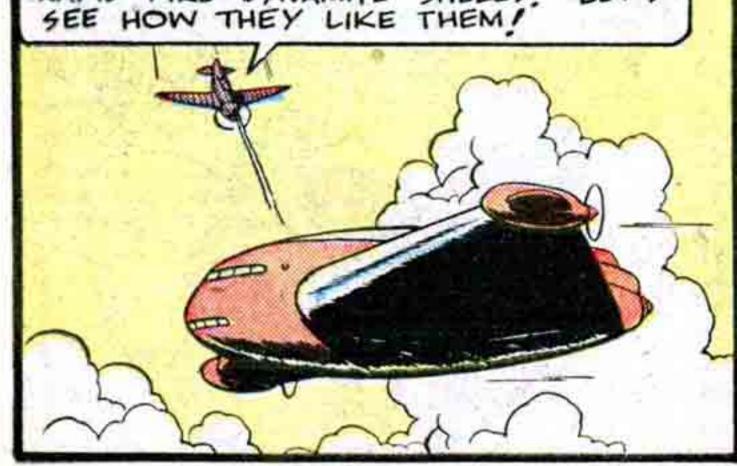


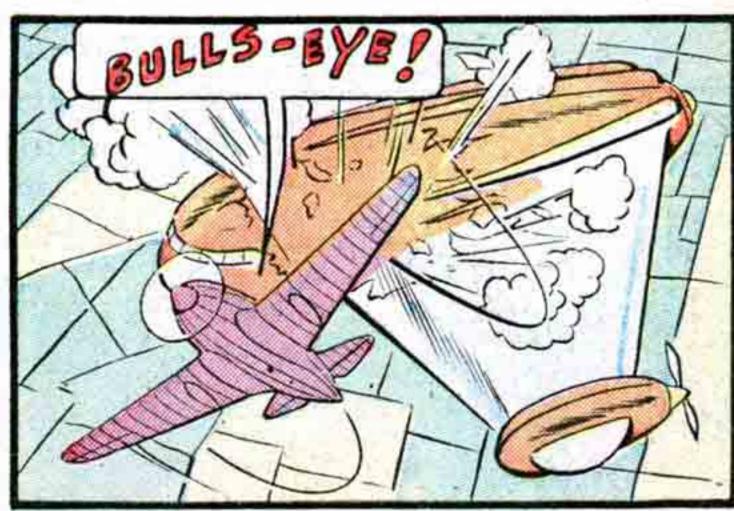




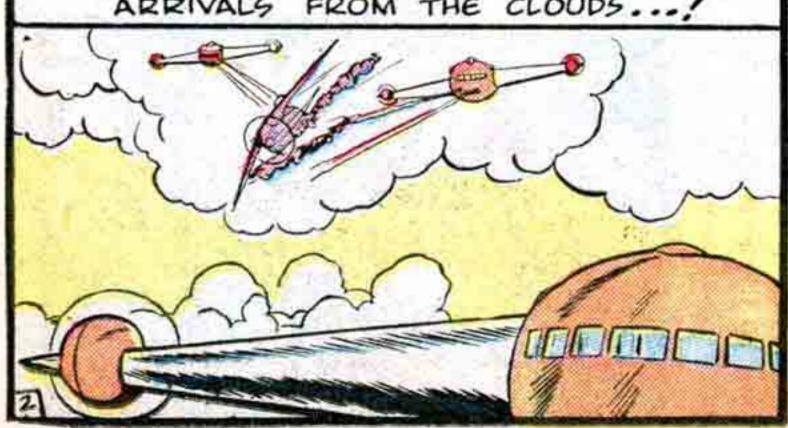


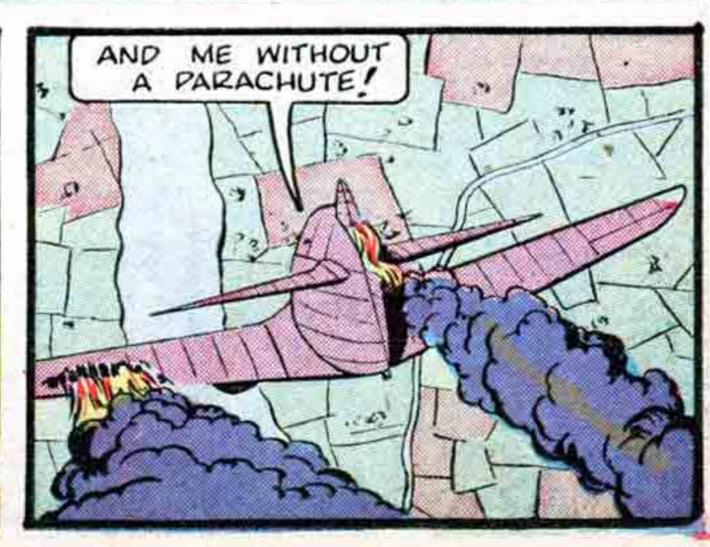






WARILY WATCHING THE SECOND ROCKET-SHIP, ALLAN FAILS TO NOTICE NEW ARRIVALS FROM THE CLOUDS ...!









THEY ARE FROM MARS
THEY MUST USE ROCKET
POWER, BUT RIGHT NOW
THEY'RE RUNNING ON
MOTORS.

RROBABLY CAN'T CONTROL THE ROCKET POWER IN SHORT RANGE FLYING.



THE HONARCH OF MARS INTENDS TO TAKE OVER EARTH -- PEACEFULLY IF POSSIBLE. HE THEREFORE COMMANDS THAT YOU DESTROY ALL YOUR WEAPONS, AIRPLANES, BATTLESHIPS, TANKS AND GUNS -- AND SUBHIT QUIETLY TO THE OCCUPATION!



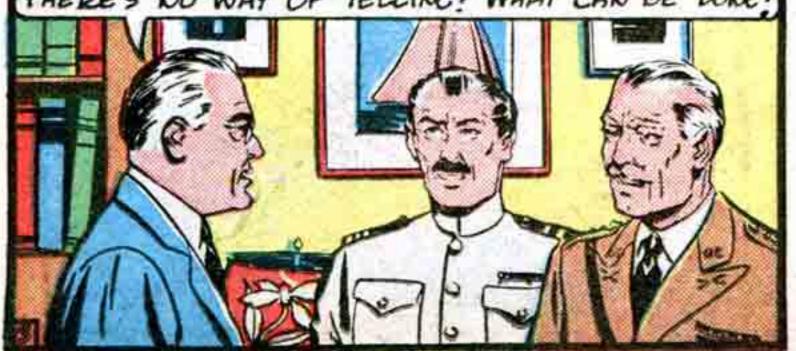
ULTIMATUM!

WASHINGTON AND ALL KEY CITIES - WITH THE DISTUTEGRATOR! YOU HAVE TWELVE HOURS TO DECIDE!



AFTER THE ROCKET MEN LEAVE -

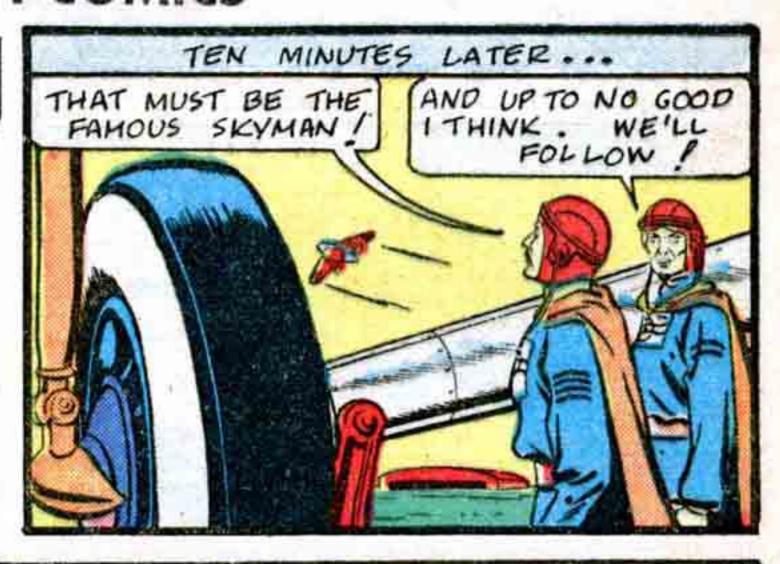
IT MIGHT BE A TRICK OF EUROPEAN OR ASIATIC POWERS.
BUT SOME ELECTRICAL PISTURBANCE HAS INTERRUPTED ALL
TRANS-OCEANIC RADIO AND TELEPHONE LINES - -SO
THERE'S NO WAY OF TELLING! WHAT CAN BE DONE!



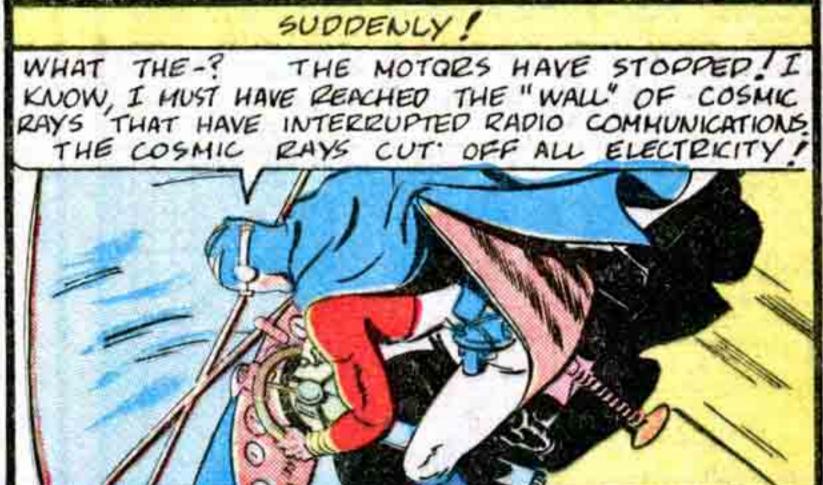


THE LOW-DOWN, AND BE BACK BEFORE THE ULTIMATUM PERIOD EXPIRES!

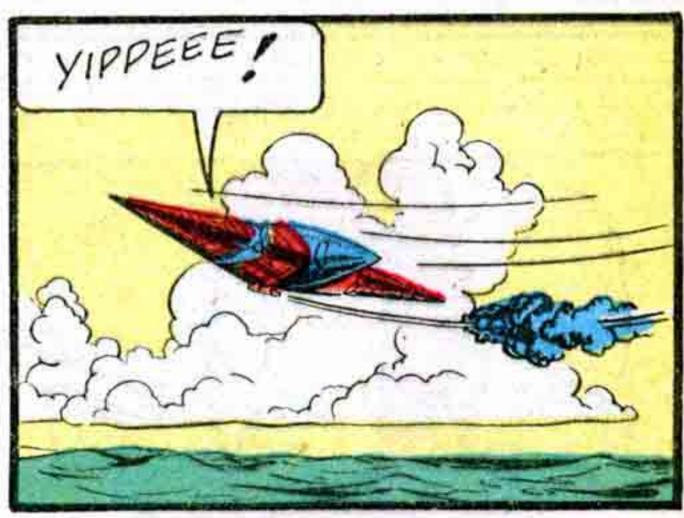


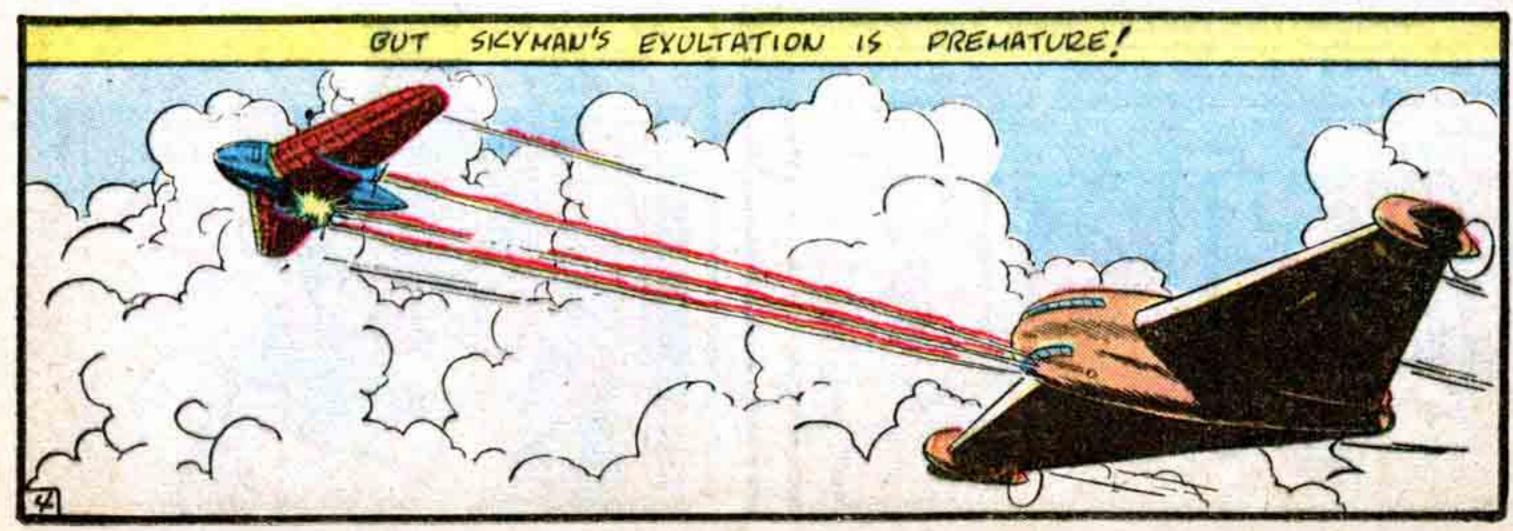


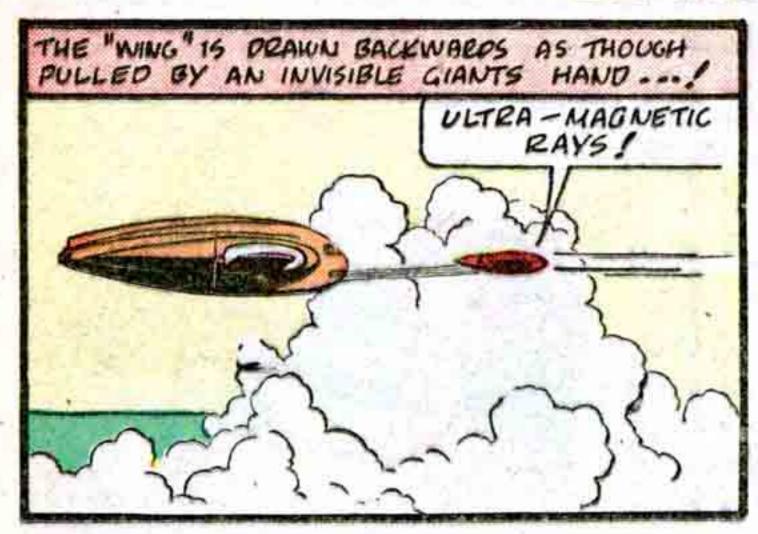






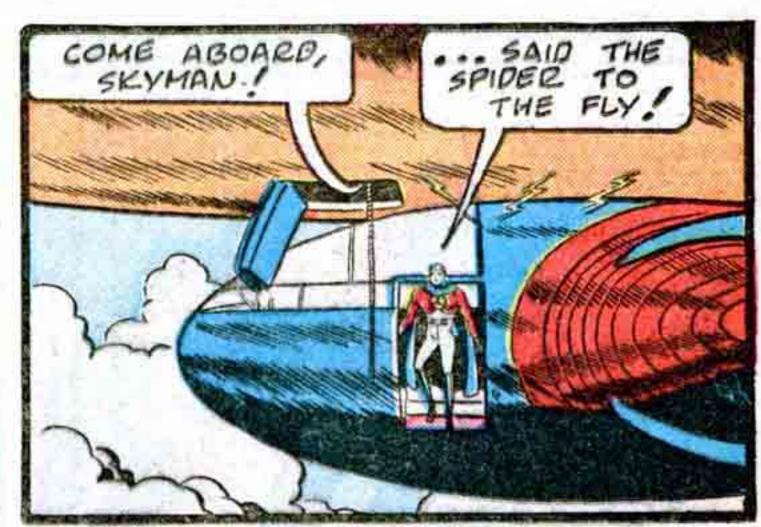






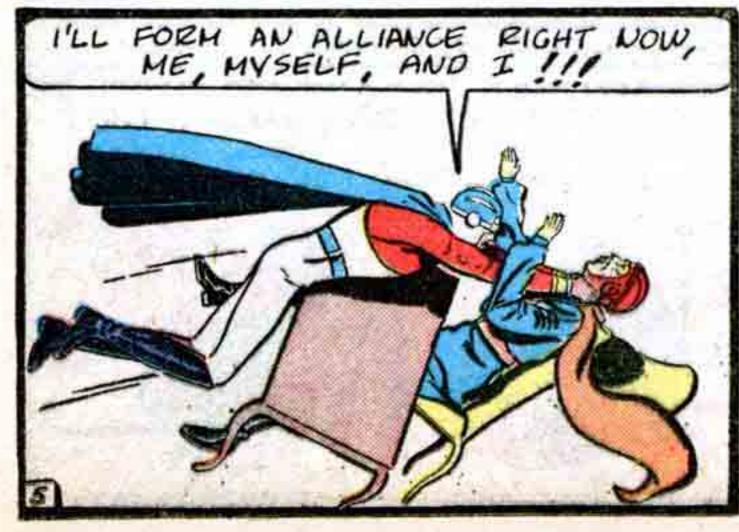


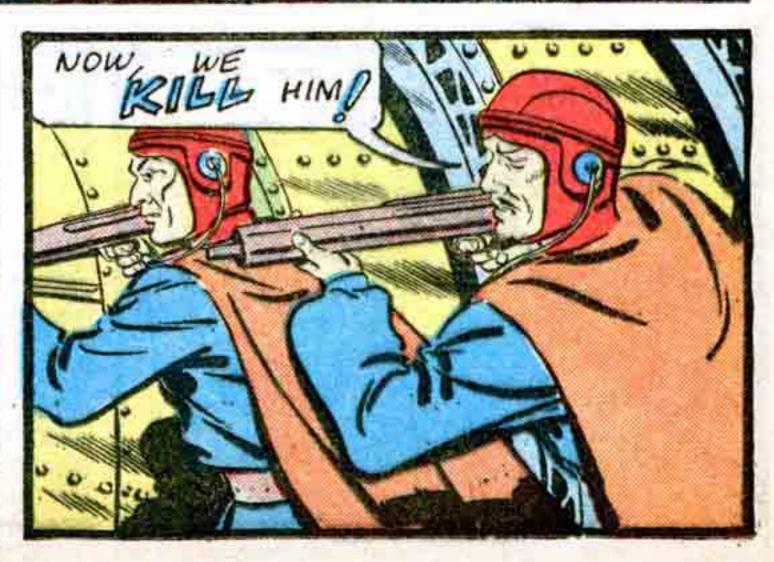




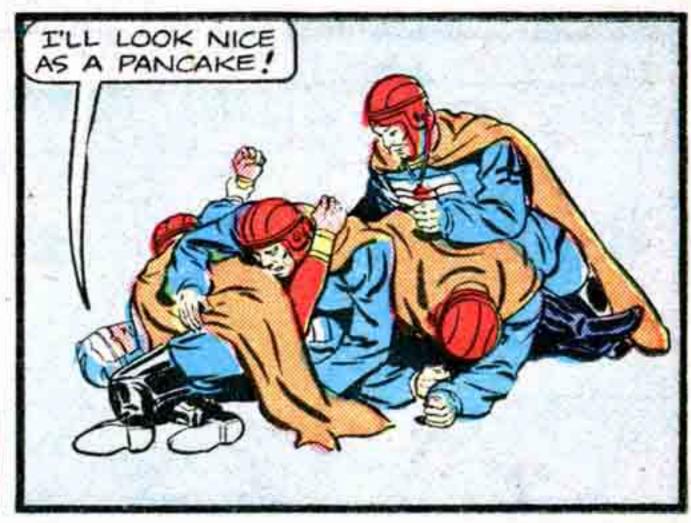








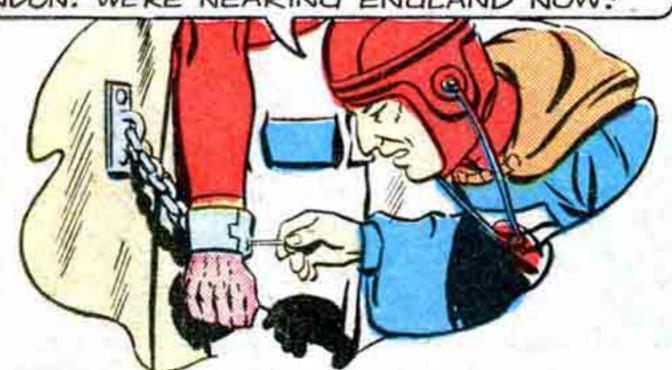








TWO HOURS LATER, SKYMAN HAS A VISITOR --SH-H! LISTEN CAREFULLY, SKYMAN! I'M GOING TO
FREE YOU! AND YOU MUST FLY YOUR PLANE TO
LONDON! WE'RE NEARING ENGLAND NOW!







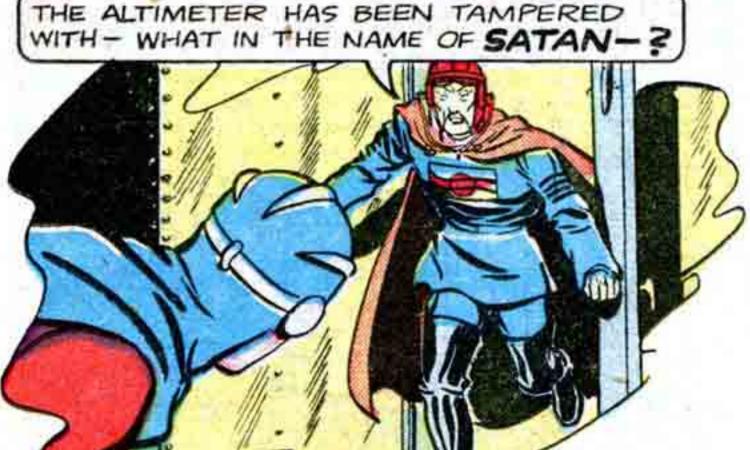








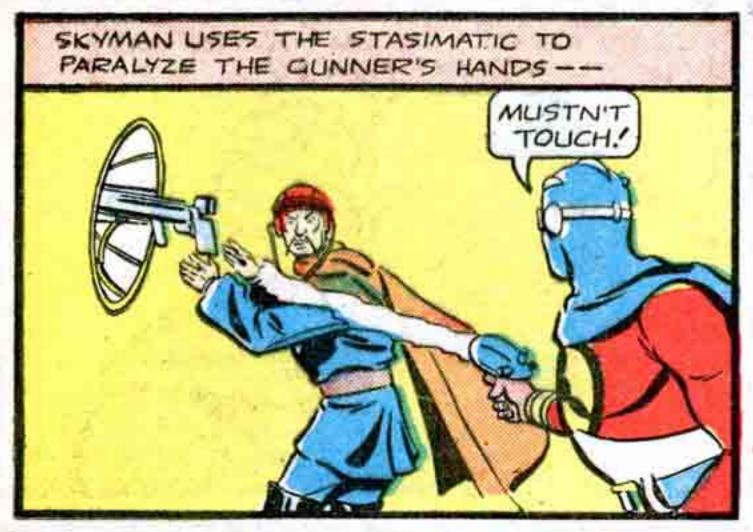


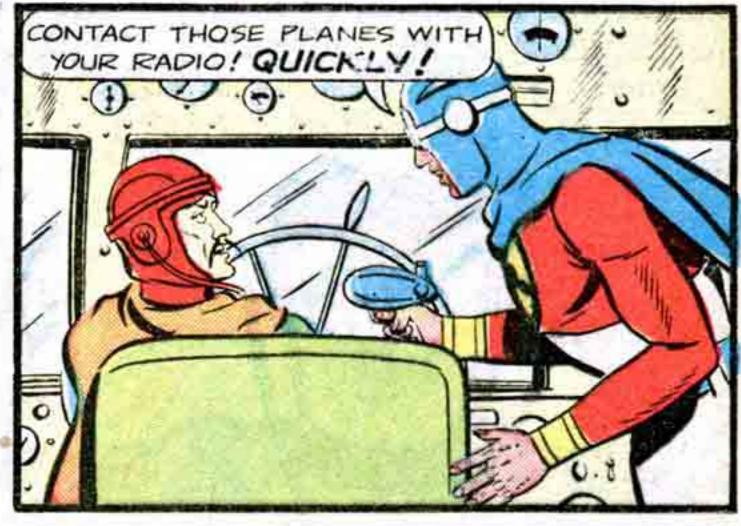




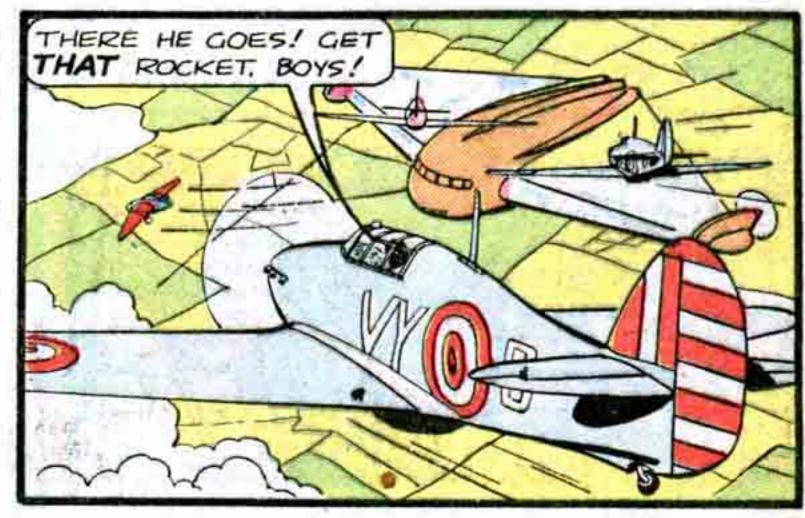


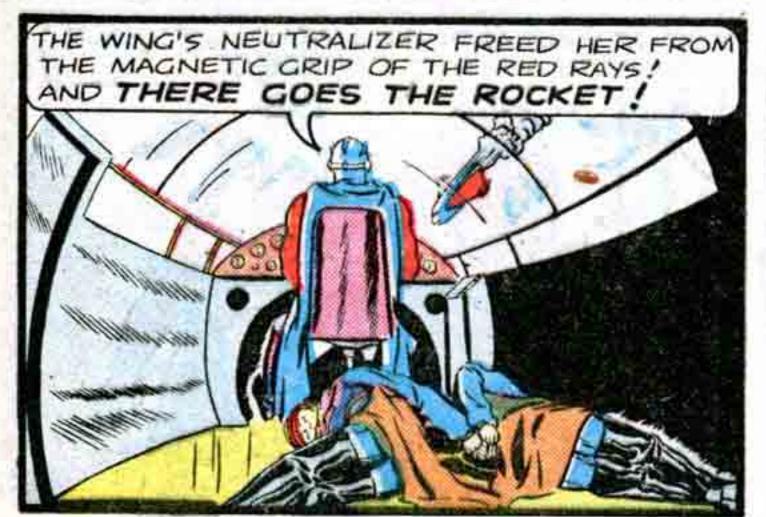








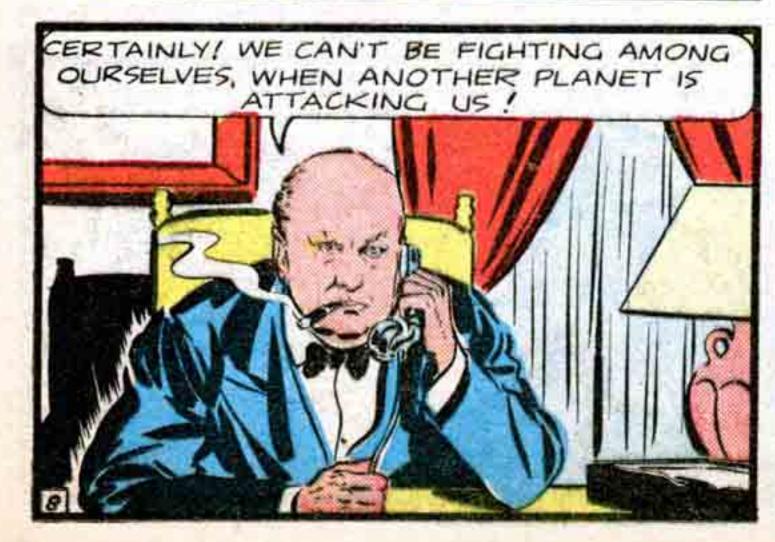




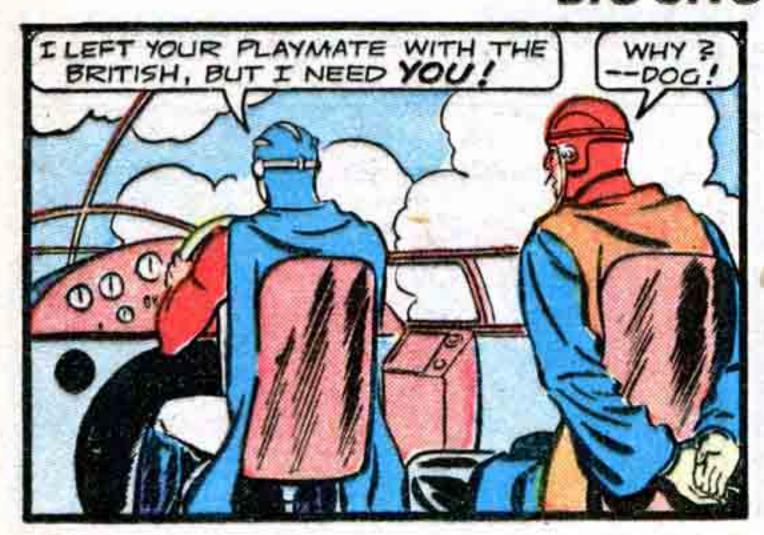
AT AN RAF BASE ON THE COAST OF ENGLAND, SKYMAN PHONES THE PRIME MINISTER IN LONDON ---

THEY'VE CALLED ON YOU TOO, HEY? WELL-READY TO STOP THE WAR, AND FIGHT THESE MARTIAN RAIDERS ?





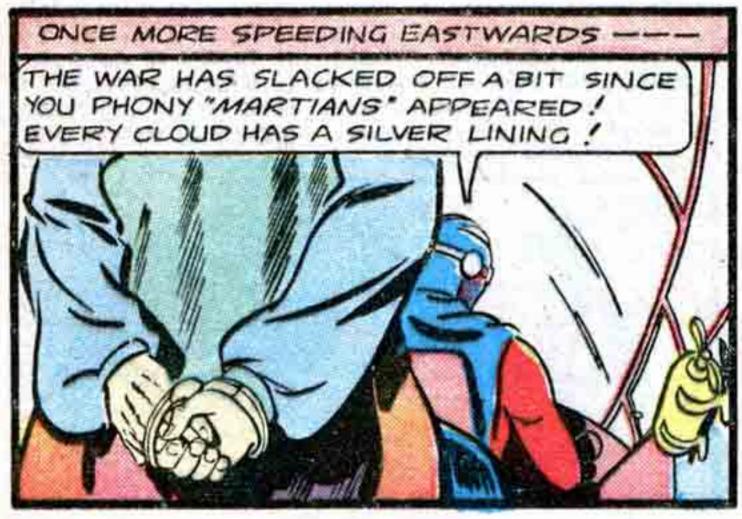






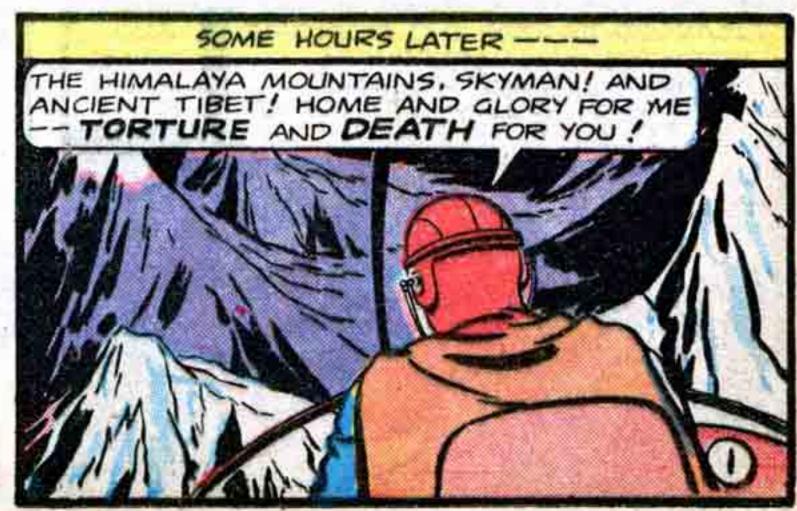








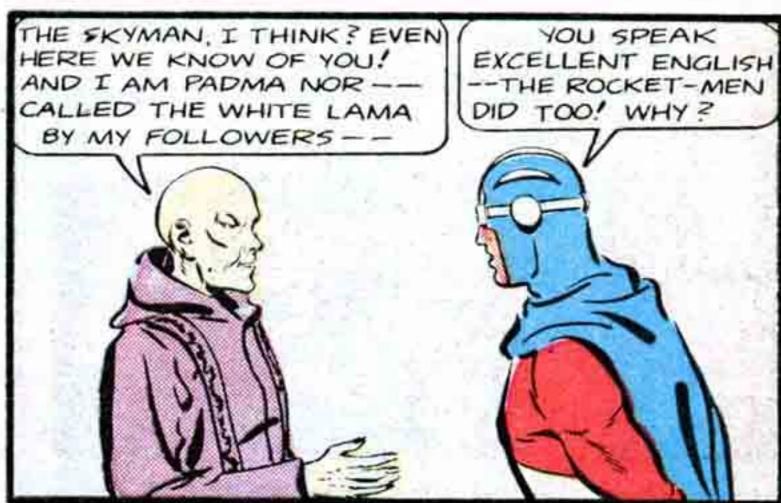


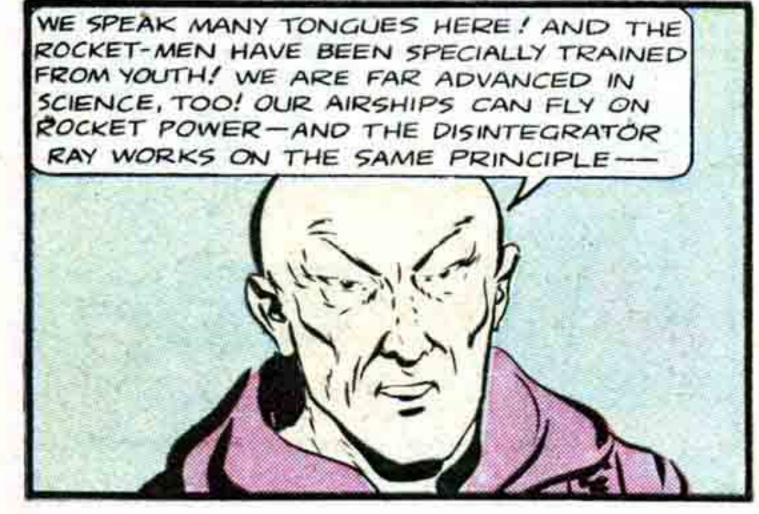


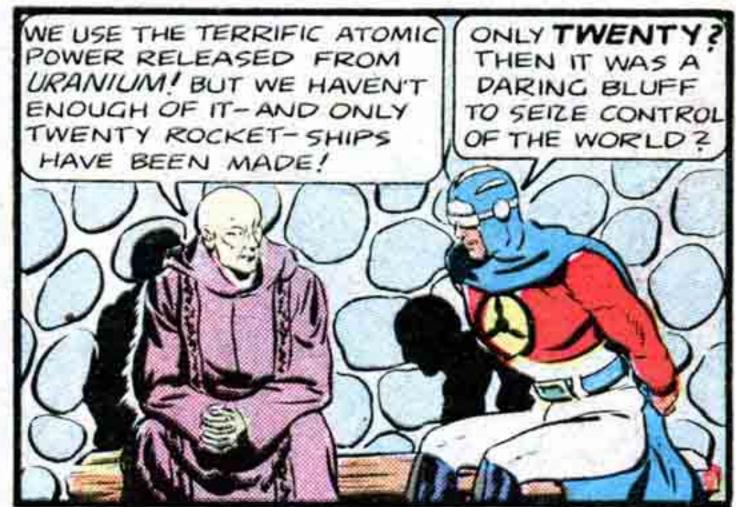




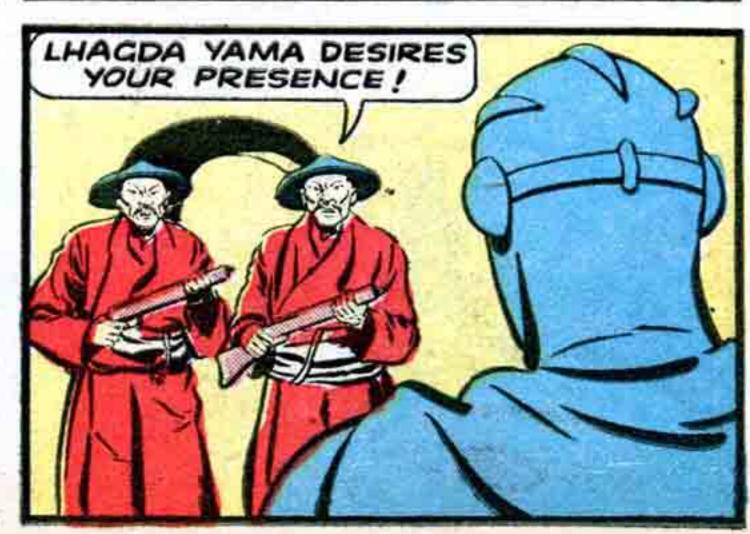








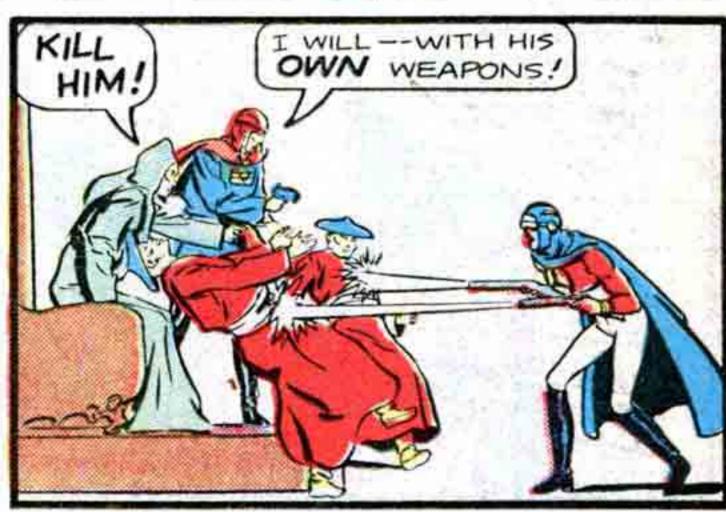




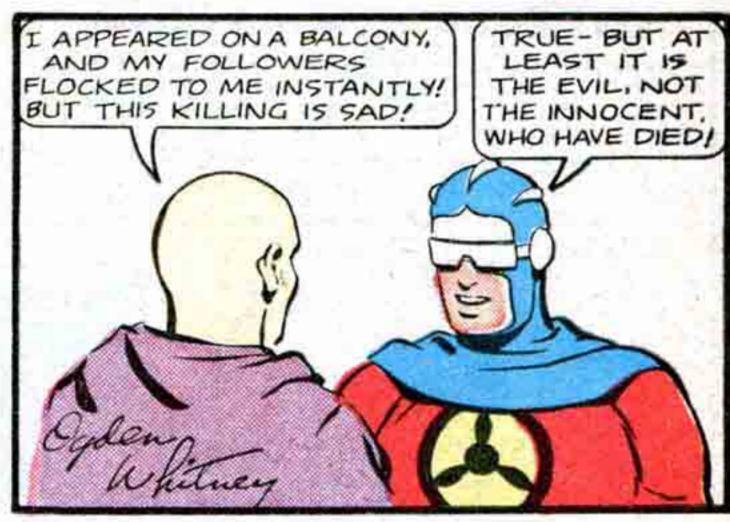




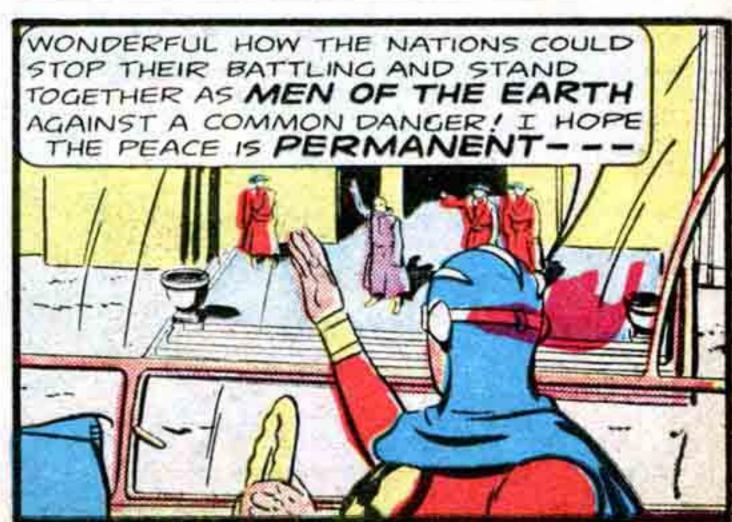














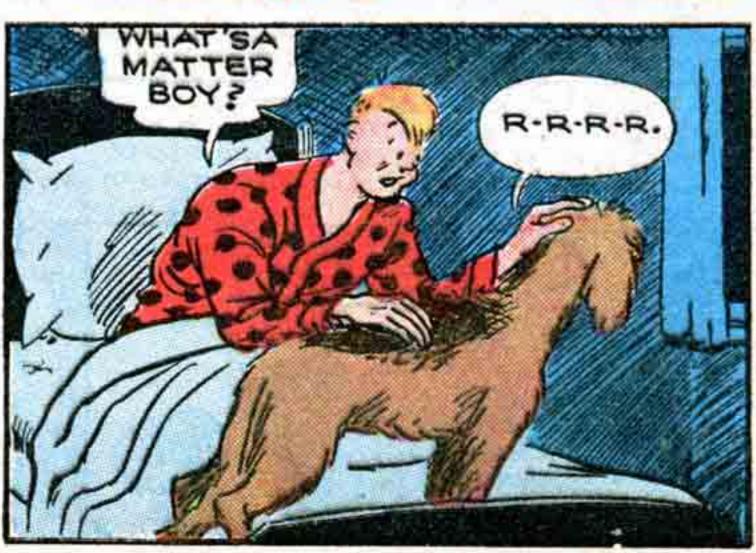


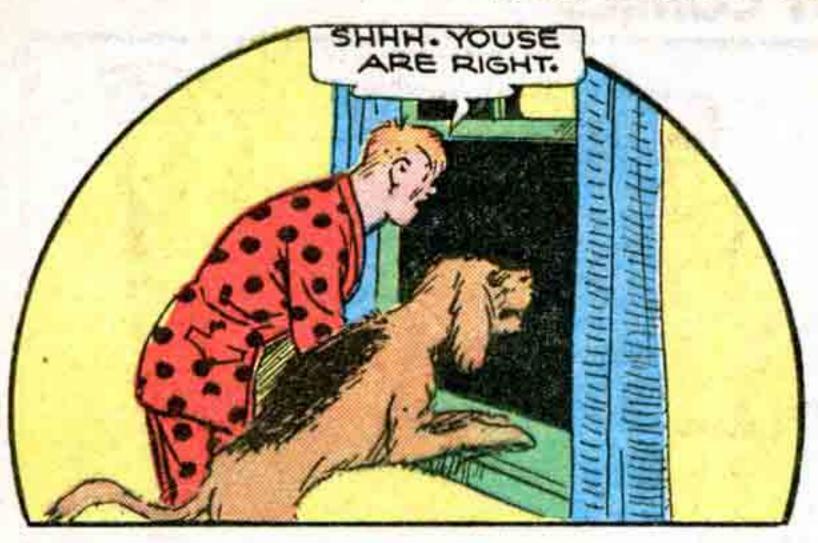




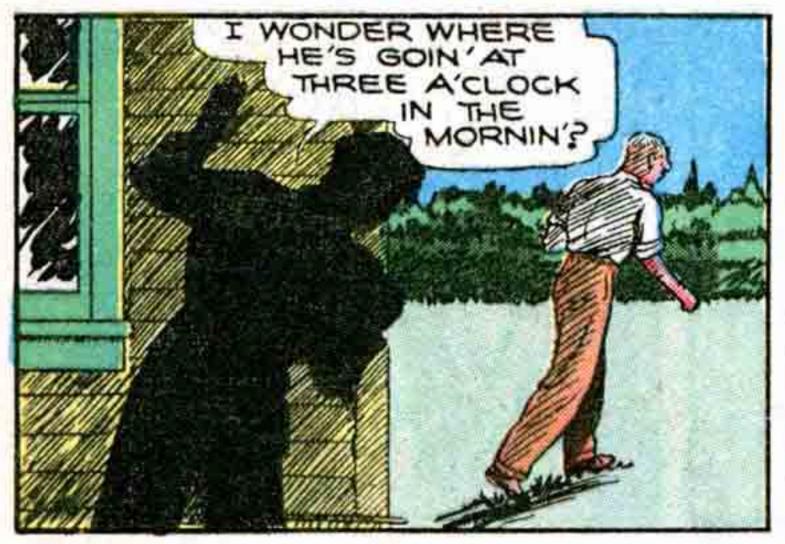


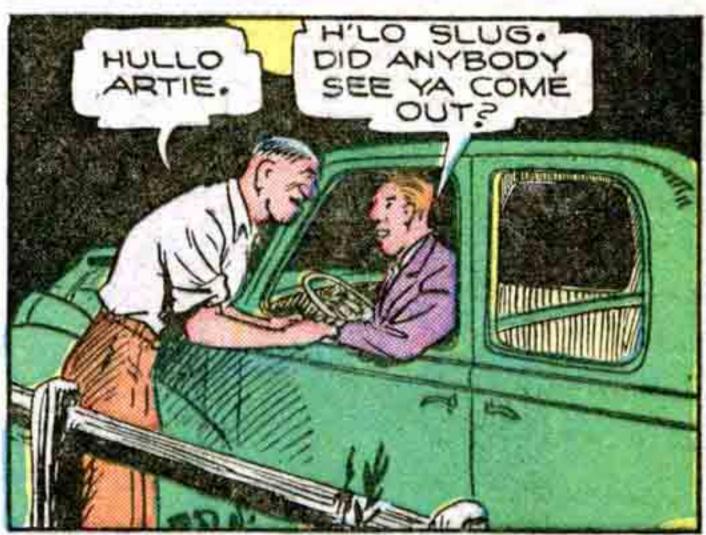




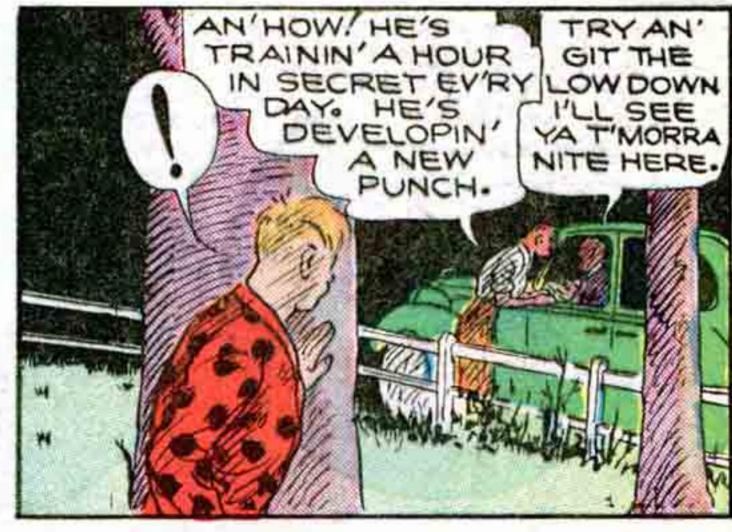


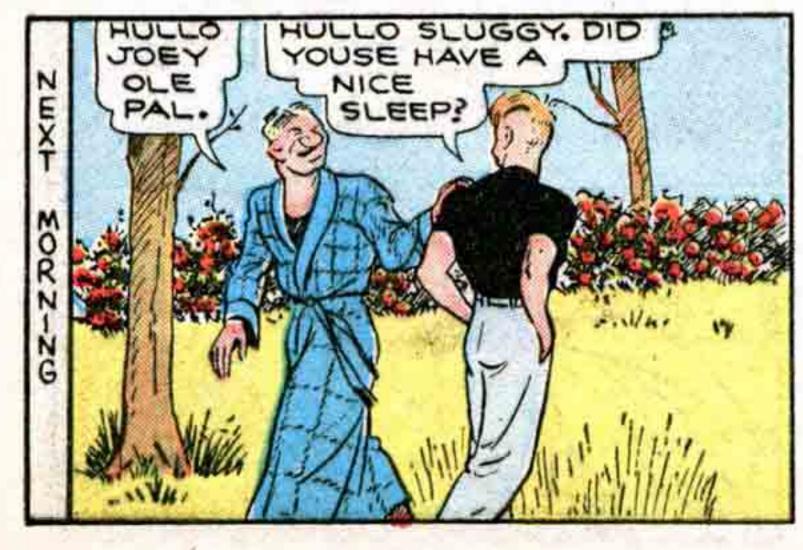


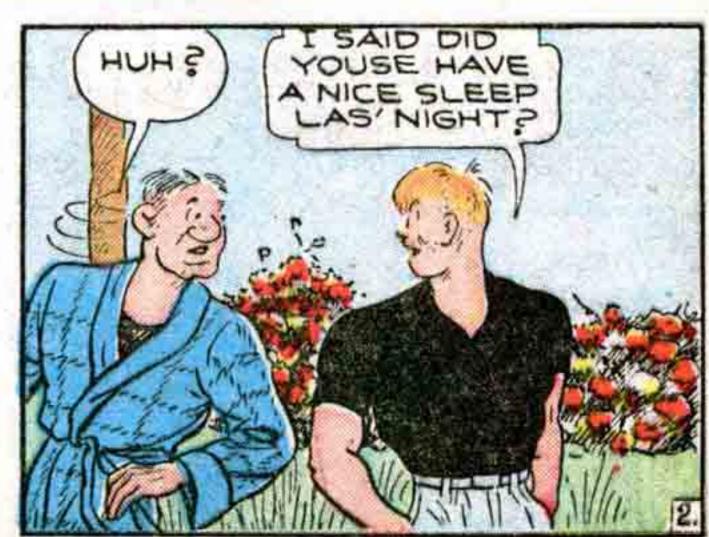


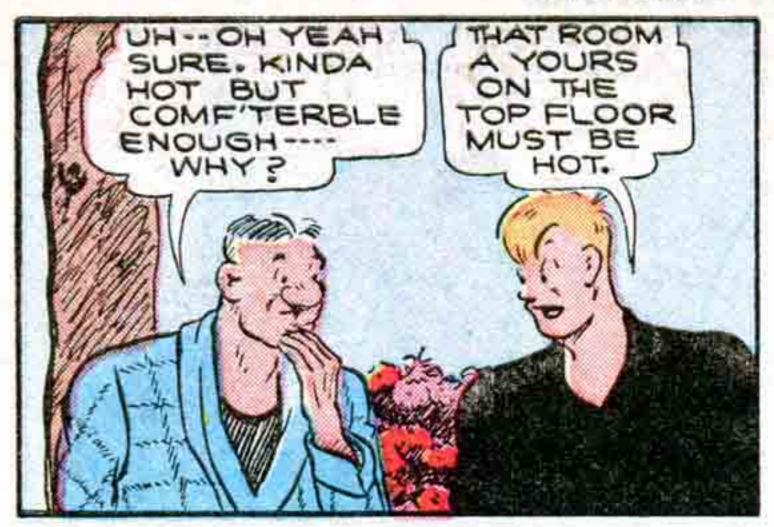




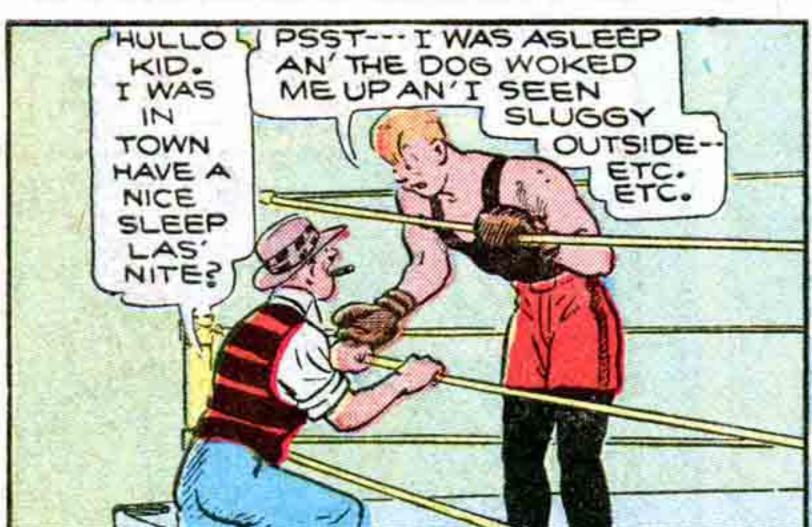






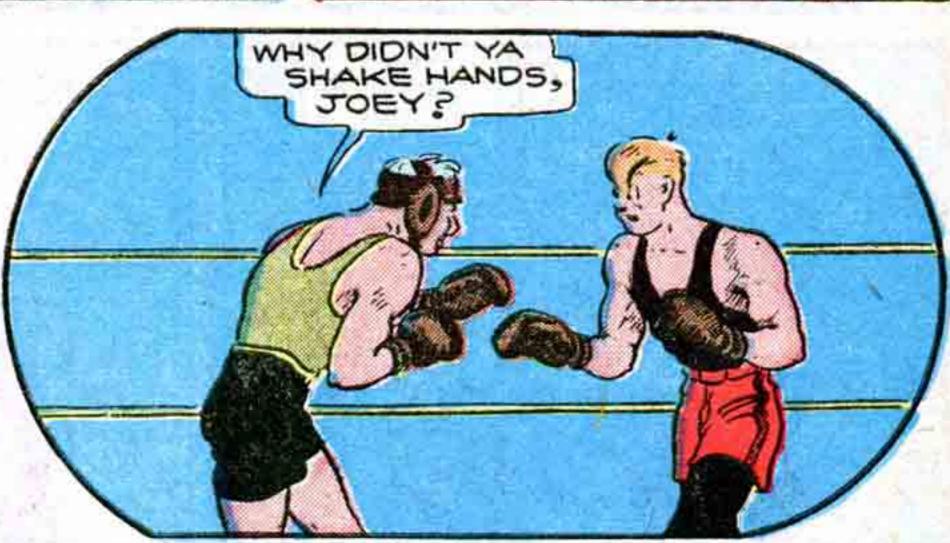


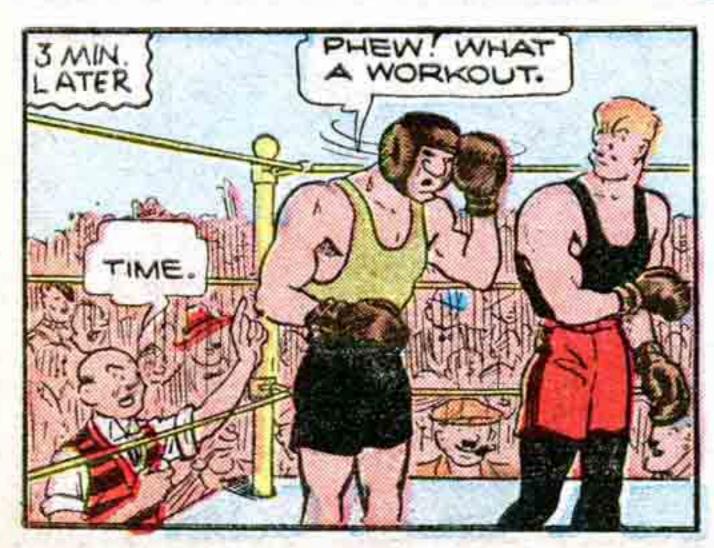


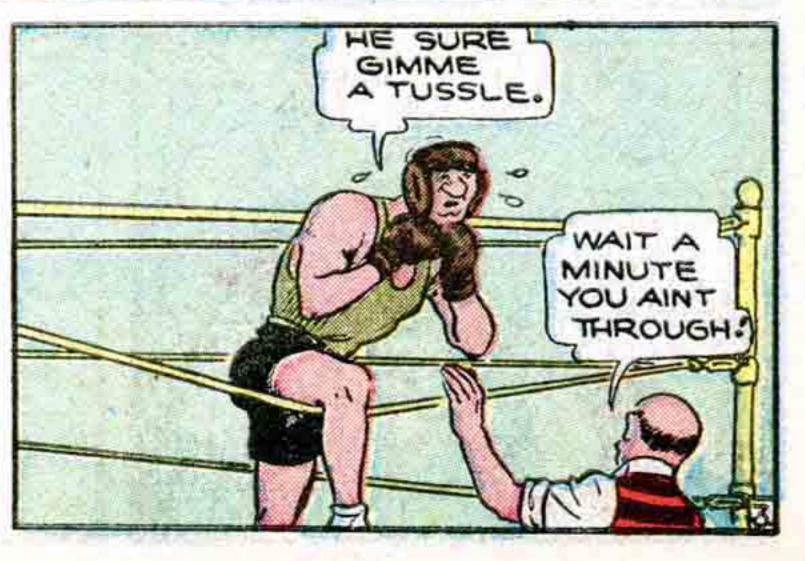




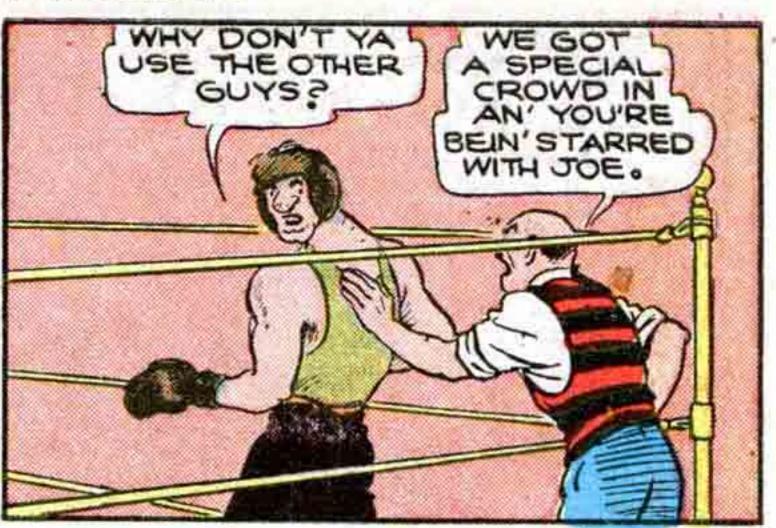


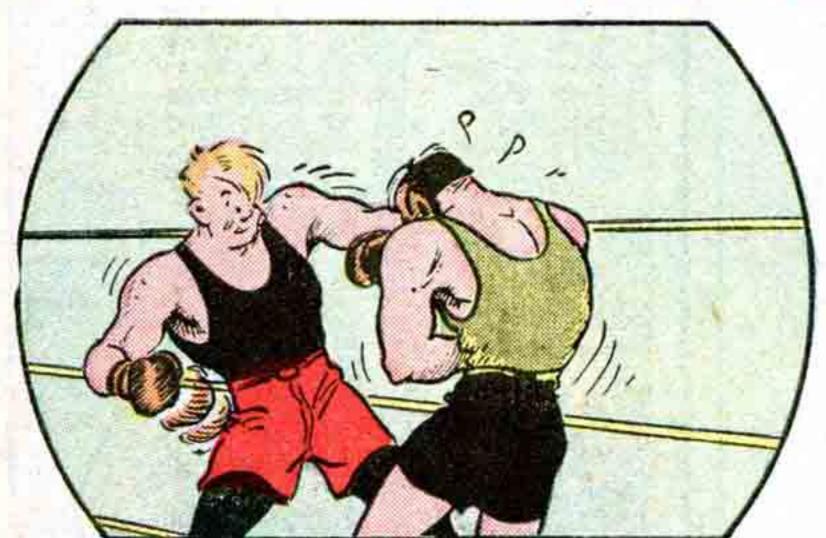


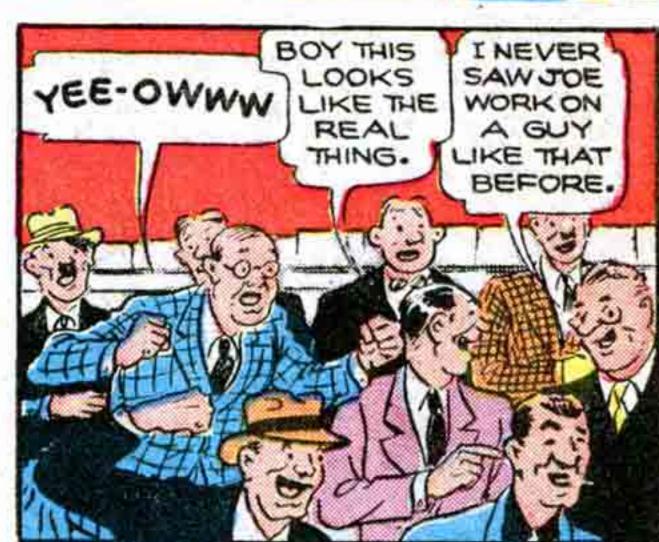






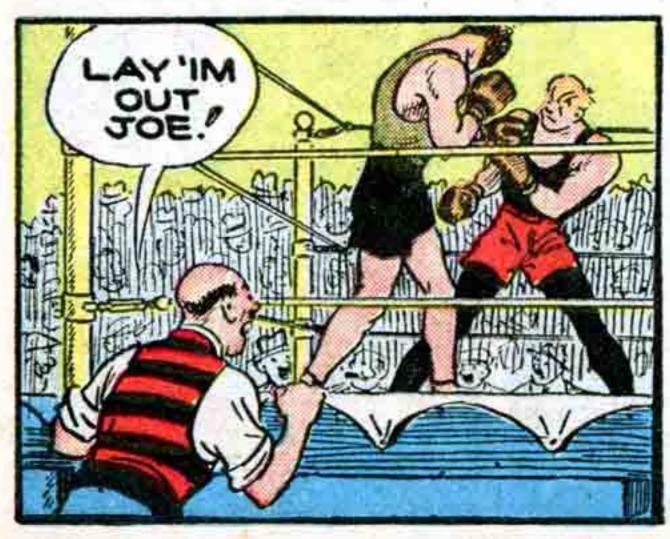


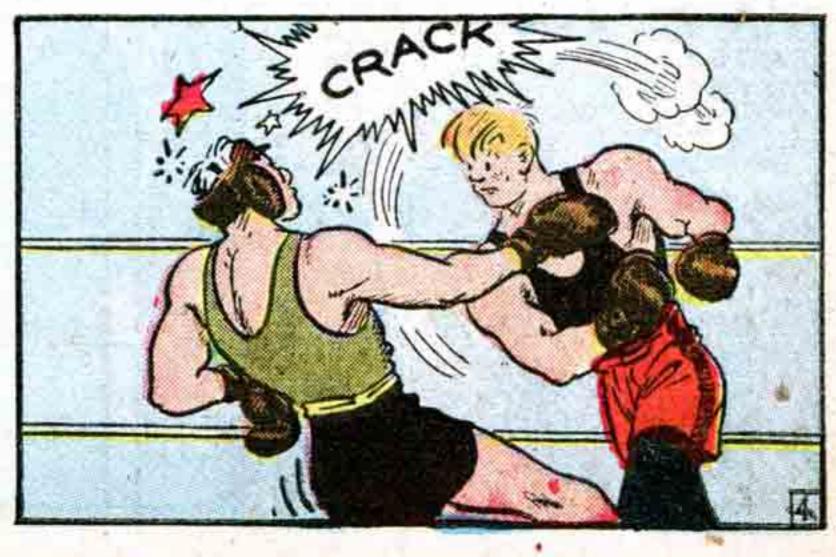


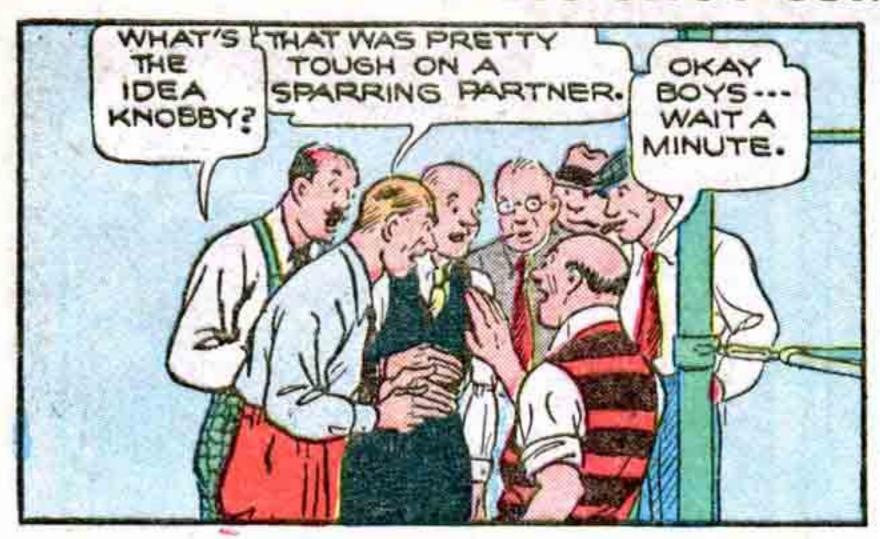


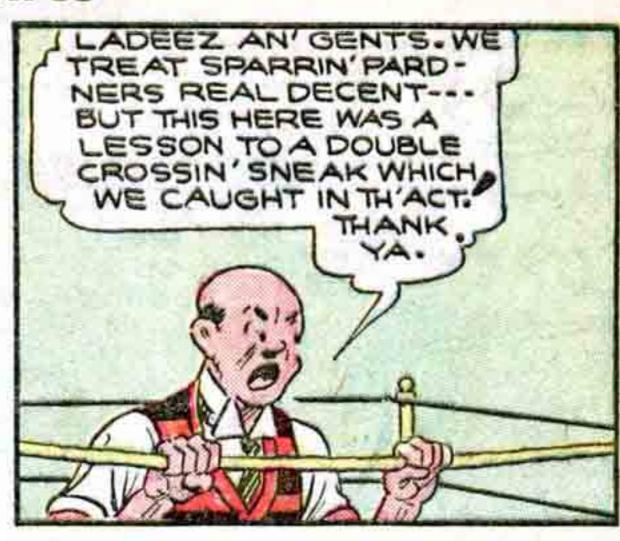


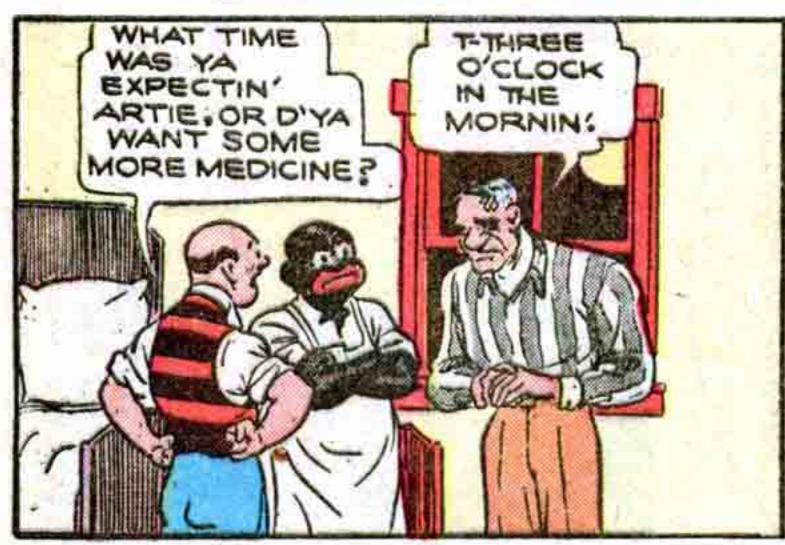
























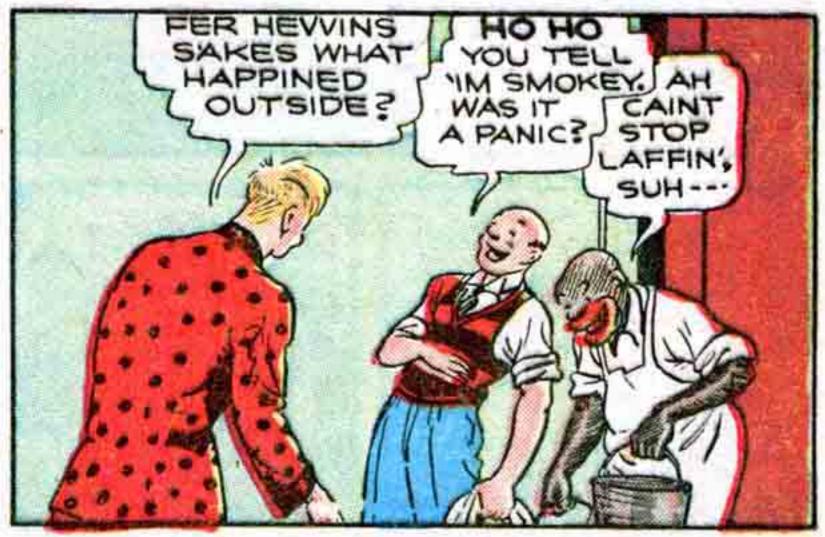
















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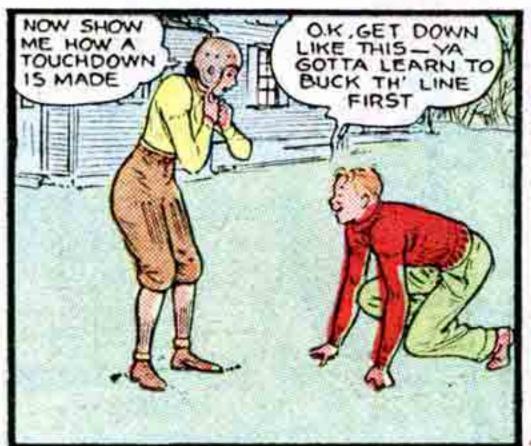


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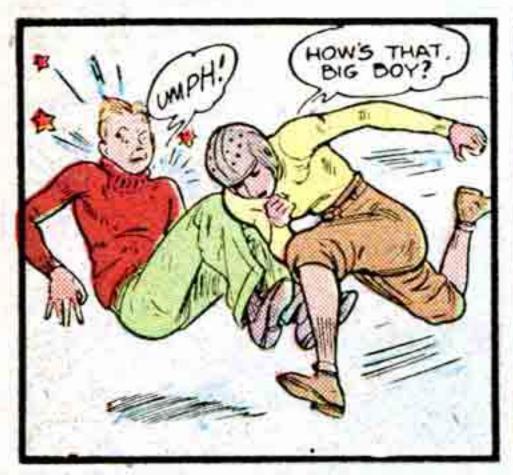




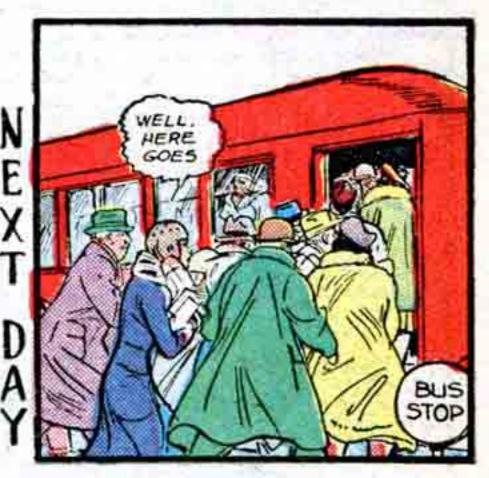






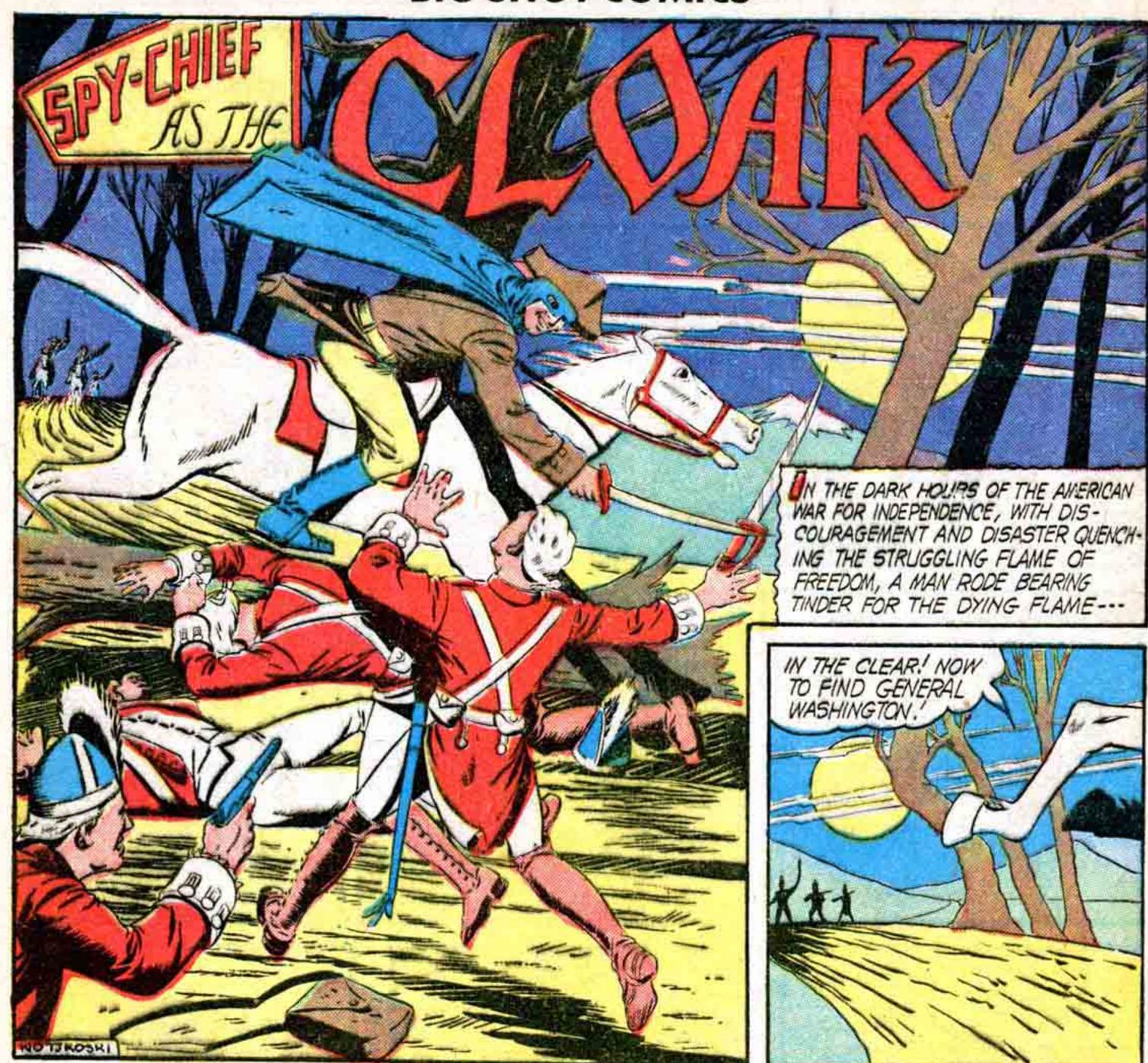




















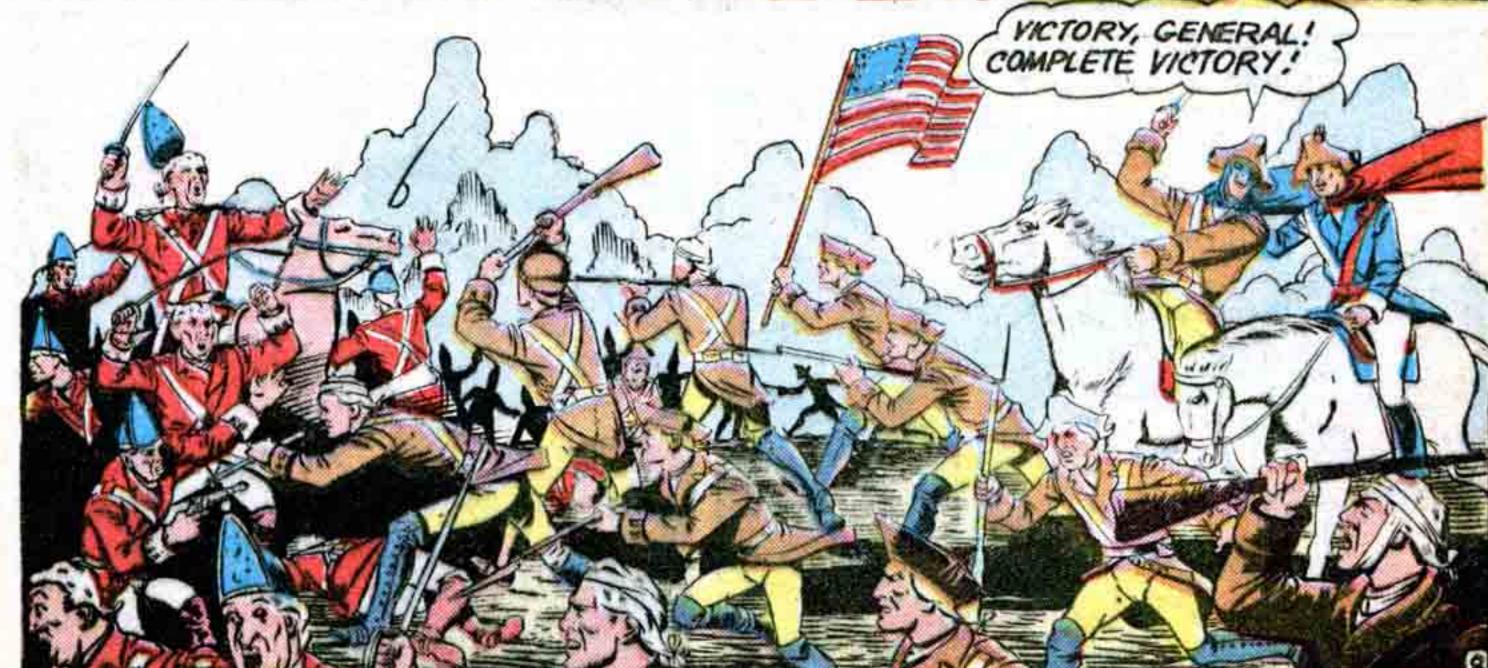




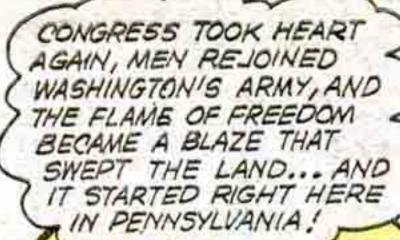














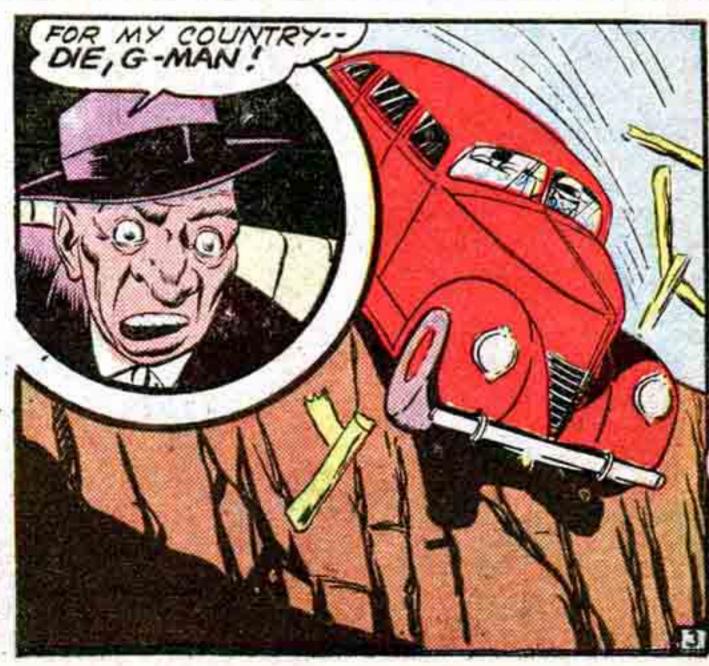












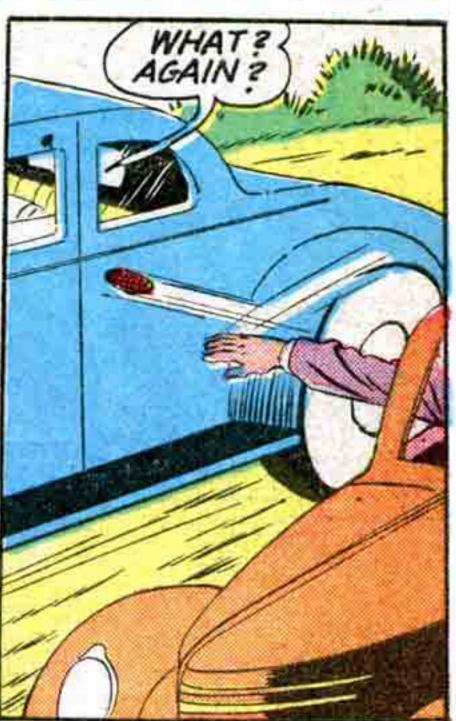




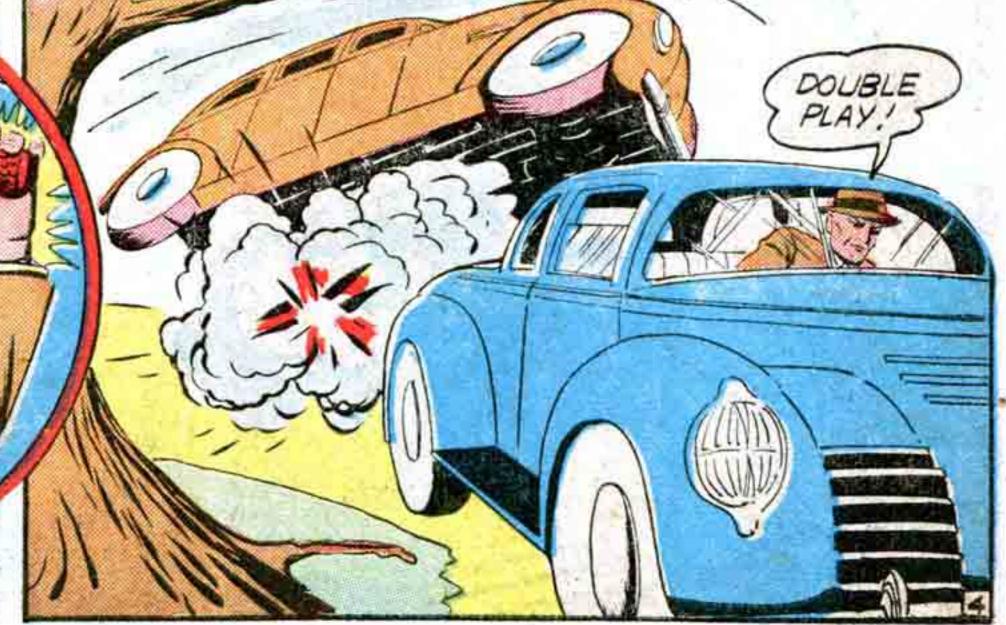








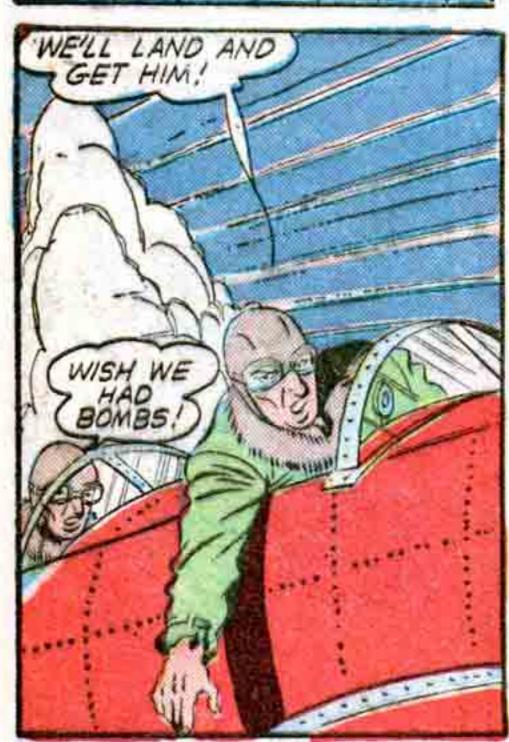










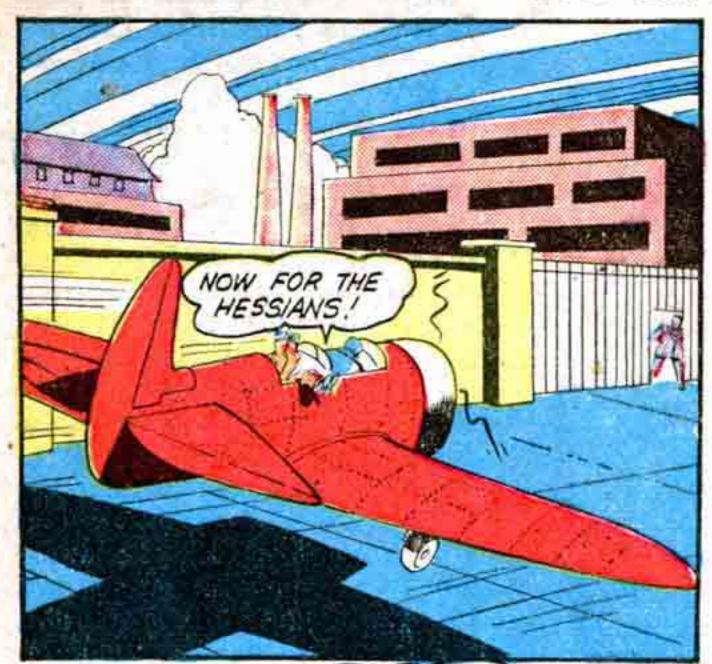














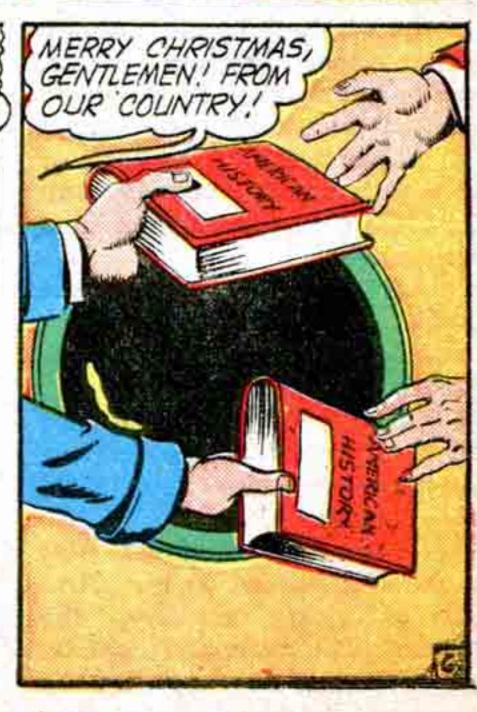














THERE were big doings in our town last October, on the night of the 25th, and the people are still talking about it. As far as the town folk are concerned, Jibby Jones deserves just as prominent a spot on the calendar for the month of October as Christopher Columbus. This may sound a bit far-fetched to a stranger but the citizens of our town are stubborn—and perhaps rightfully so. Anyway, here's how the whole thing came about.

The Keane Brothers Circus, touring our section of the state, had just completed their annual stay at our town. The 15th of the month was the last day and that night they put on their final performance.

At half past eleven most of the people had left for their homes. A few of them hung around and watched the workmen dismantle the big tent. It was quite cold and the breaths of the panting men turned to white vapor in the chilled night air.

The enormous canvas was folded and packed away. And with surprising rapidity, the towering poles came down one by one. Teams of horses pulled the red-and-gold animal cages over

to the railroad siding, where the wild beasts were directed into the waiting cars to be transported to the next town on the circuit.

The lion's cage was rolled alongside the freight train—and what happened then, nobody seems to really know. Ed Bennett, the circus manager, claims that one of the workmen must have slipped and in doing so, accidentally loosened the iron bolt holding the cage door.

The door swung back and like a streak of lightning, Leo, the big Nubian lion, leaped from his cell and bounded across the circus grounds. Someone let out a shriek of warning and the men scooted for their lives in all directions. The trainer and his assistants raced after the beast but Leo, roaring his defiance and probably enjoying the strange feeling of freedom, scaled a wooden fence and disappeared into the night.

A general alarm was spread. Bennett 'phoned the police captain in town to instruct the folk to remain indoors until the roaming beast was captured. Then he and the circus men armed themselves and set out to track Leo down. and again that some day he'd make a million dollars. And as a step in that direction, he worked in the general store after school hours. Besides that, he had secured the job of stoking and banking the furnace of the county orphan asylum during the winter months. The orphanage was a little over a mile from town and he generally rode out there on his bicycle, sometime between eleven and twelve o'clock in the night.

On this particular night of the 25th, he arrived at the asylum around midnight. He rode to the rear of the building and placed his wheel against the stucco wall. He flashed his light on the basement entrance and was surprised to find the door wide open.

"Gosh, somebody's been mighty careless," he murmured to himself. "If that was left open all night the place would be like an ice-box in the morning."

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He went down the steps and into the cellar, closing the door behind him. At the foot of the steps he paused and sniffed. He imagined he smelled something peculiar—sort of animal-like. But he dismissed the thought and blamed the cold night air for the sensitiveness of his nose.

He switched on the electric light and marched over to the huge furnace. He pulled back the iron door and extended his chilled hands in front of the opening to warm them.

And at that moment, a low, rumbling growl echoed through the cellar!

Jibby swung around swiftly and then remained motionless. A cold, empty sensation ran through his body and his heart seemed to stop beating. For peering around

a corner of the coal bin at the far end of the cellar, was a snarling lion!

The huge beast's eyes gleamed maliciously in the deep gloom and slowly he began to advance. The movements of the jungle king apparently restored in Jibby the ability to also act. Resting in a corner not three feet away from him were several brooms, a mop

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grabbed two of the brooms and quickly shoved them into the furnace. The dry straws burst into flames and he withdrew them — holding one in each hand like a glowing spear of protection.

Jibby pointed the flaming torches directly at the lion's face. Leo halted and growled disturbingly—he was puzzled and annoyed.

Cautiously, Jibby started forward and the wild beast, confronted by the sizzling flames, began to retreat. Leo's tail switched back and forth and he voiced his disapproval by low, guttural snarls. Time and again he opened his cavernous mouth and Jibby shuddered when he saw the gleaming, fierce-looking fangs.

But with admirable courage, he continued to advance and stubbornly the lion fell back. One step . . . two steps . . . back, back



trapped in one of the coal bins. Swiftly, he untied the rope holding the timber door of the bin against the ceiling. And at that instant, the lion leaped!

But Leo was the barest fraction of a second too late. His heavy body crashed against the beams of the door as it slammed in front of him.

Both the brooms had burned out and Jibby stepped on them, putting out the smoldering straws. Then he remembered the large cabinet in the rear of the base-ment—a medicinal cabinet, where a number of supplies were stored in the event of an emergency.

He raced to the cabinet, flung open the doors and played his flashlight on the rows of bottles. He selected one that had CHLO. ROFORM written on it.

He returned to the coal bin and took careful aim. And through the half-foot opening between the top of the door and the plaster ceiling, he tossed the bottle. He heard it crash inside the bin—and a moment later, came the snarling of the imprisoned Leo.

Jibby waited and waited . . . and he wondered how long it would be before the anesthetic would take effect. He looked at his wrist watch till ten minutes had passed and then walked over to the bin. He peered through a crack and saw the lion lying on the floor, fast asleep!

Then he went upstairs to the superintendent's desk and put through a 'phone call to the police station. Captain Hackett answered and Jibby gave him the entire story, from beginning to end.

"And where is the lion now?" asked the amazed police captain.

"Down in the cellar—in one of the coal bins," replied Jibby, stifling a yawn. "And you'd better hurry 'cause I think that chloroform is getting the best of me, too!"

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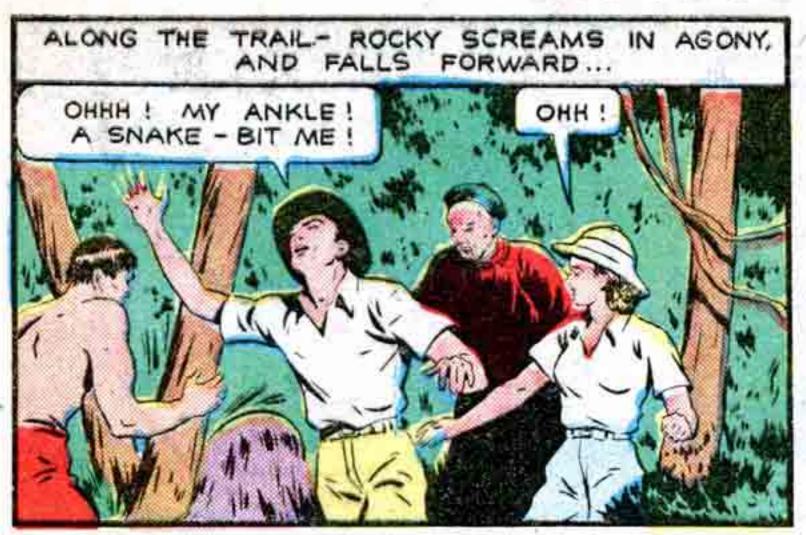




THE JUGGERNAUT DESCENDS ON BARRY, ABOUT TO CRUSH HIM!

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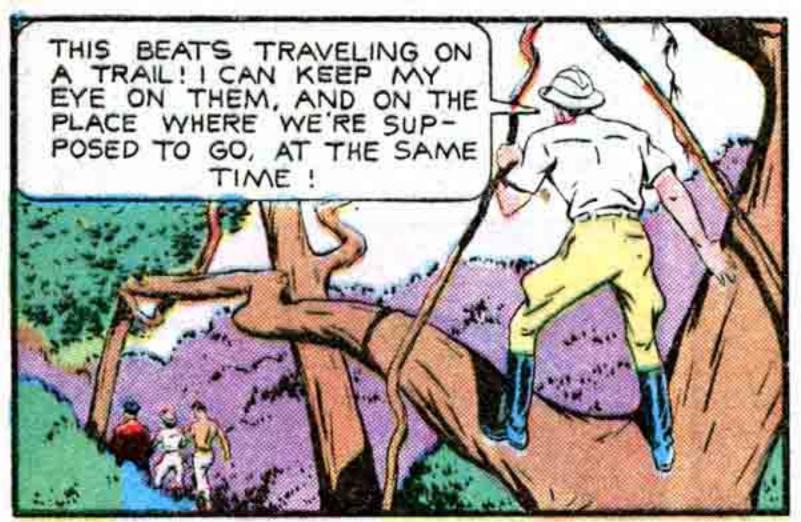


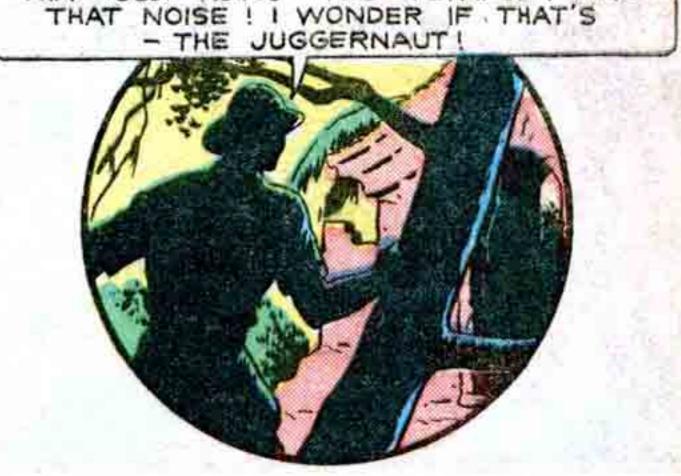










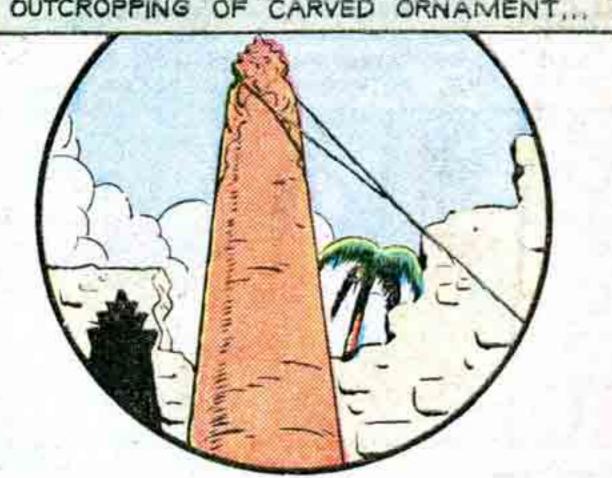


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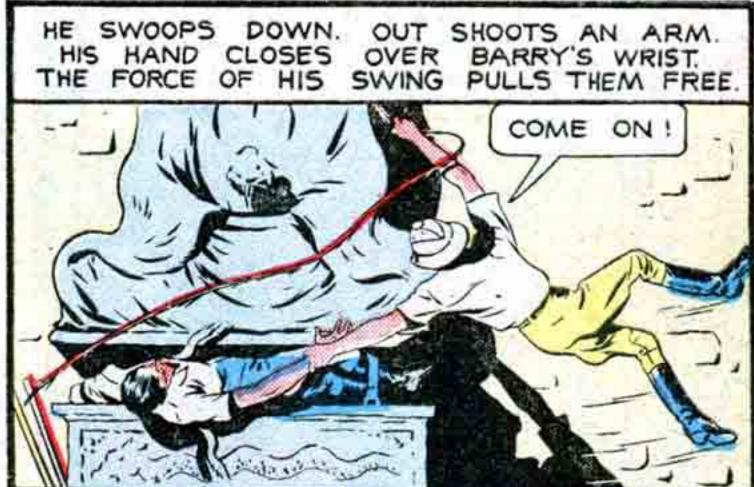


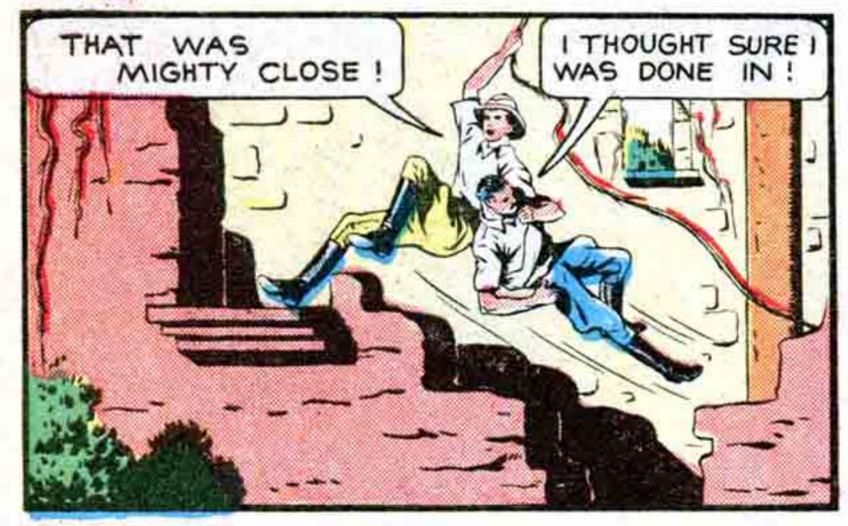










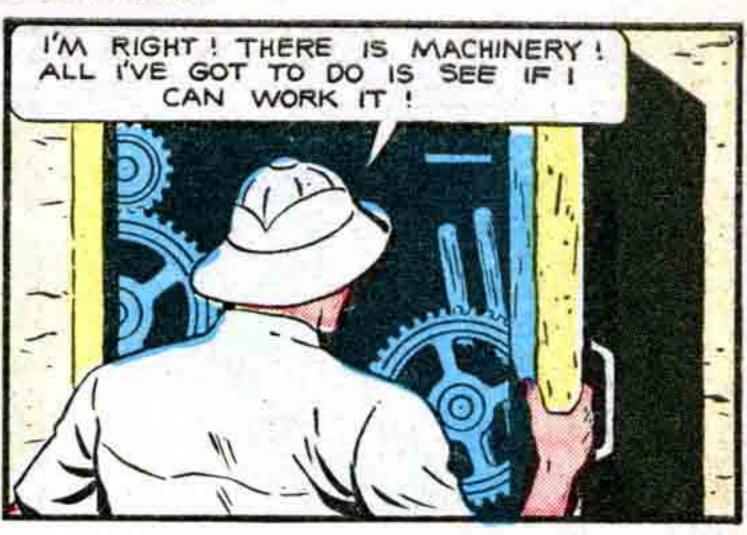




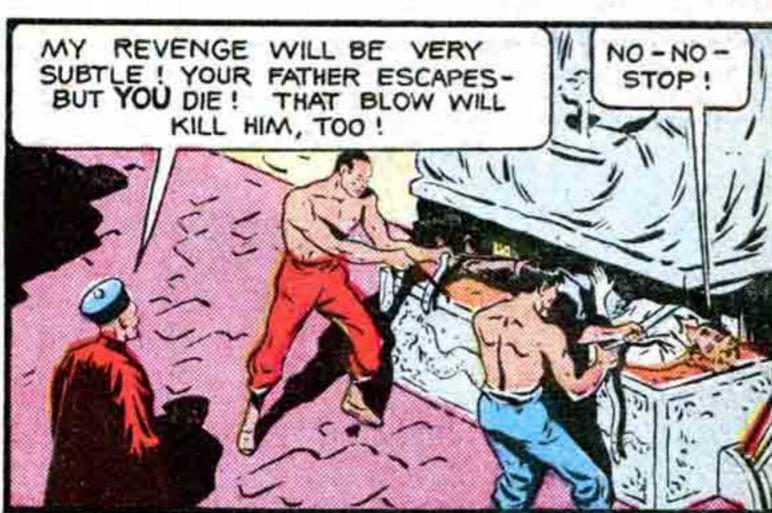






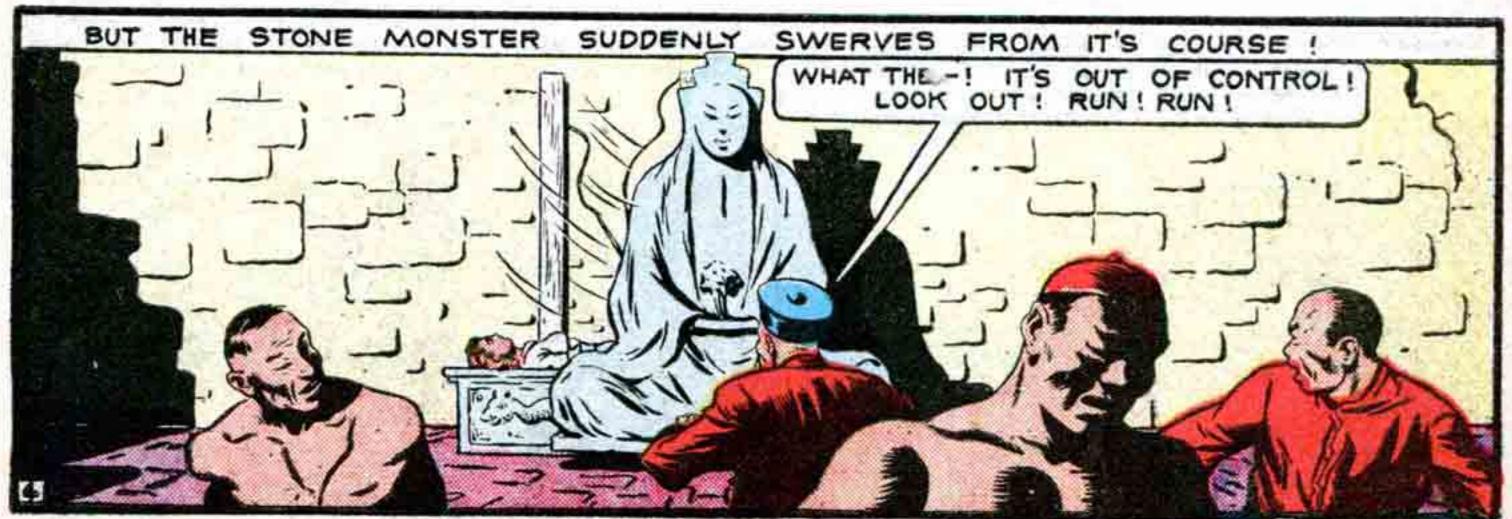










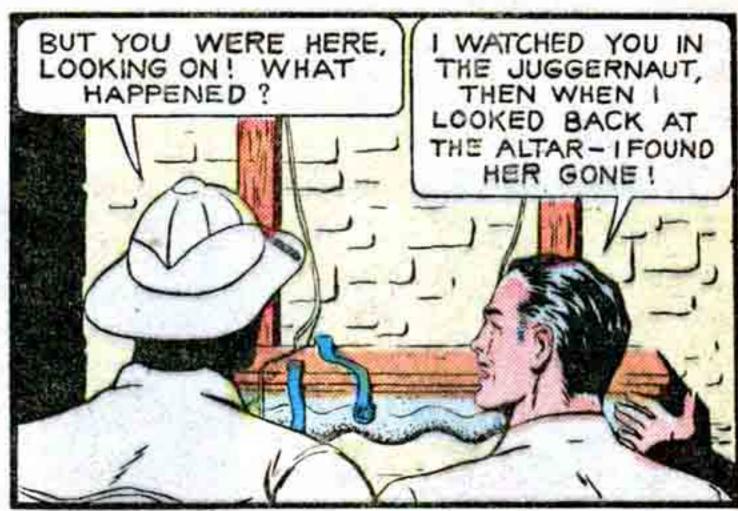


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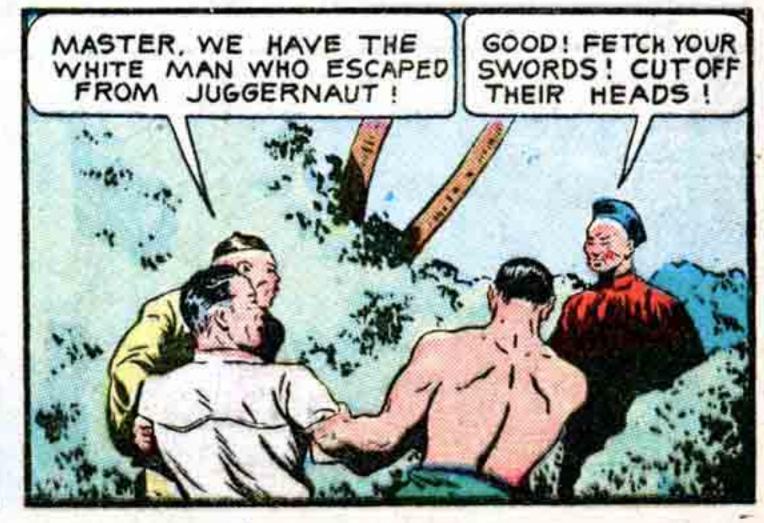


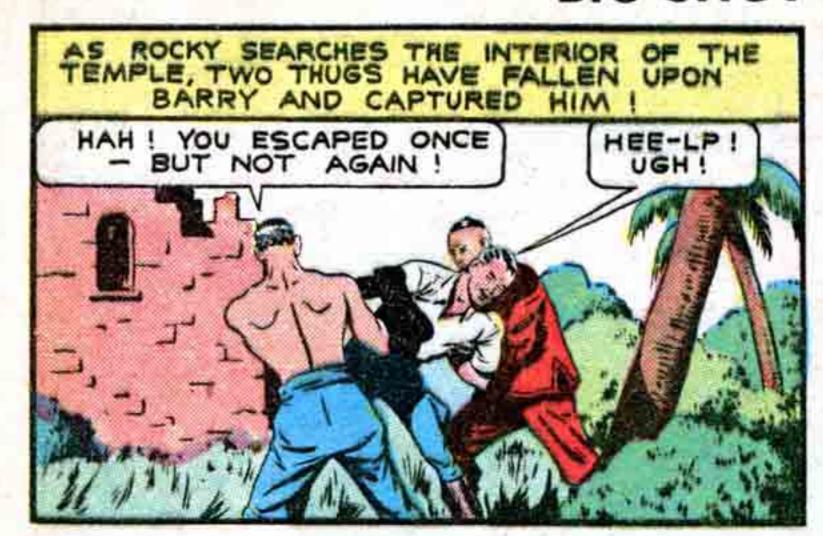




















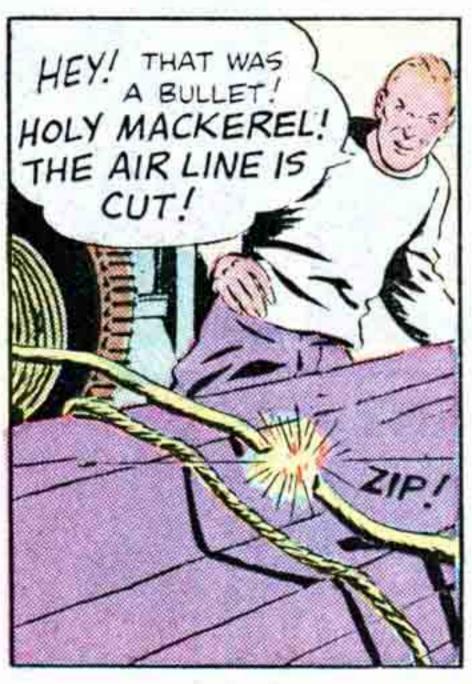




















DROPPING THE THIRTY-POUND LEAD SHOE

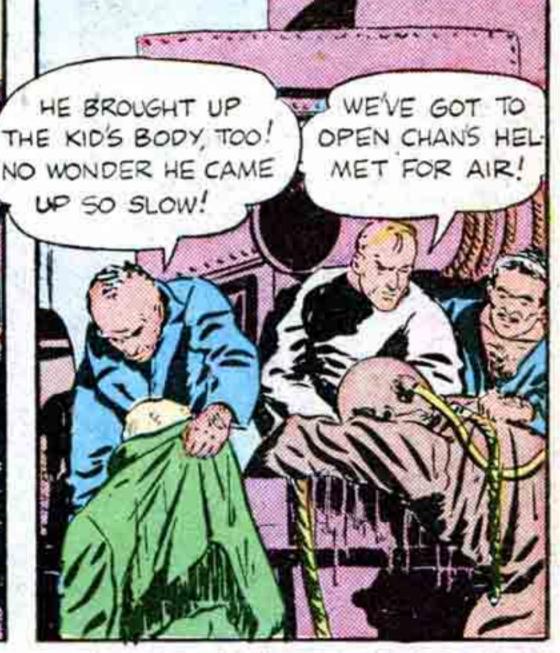




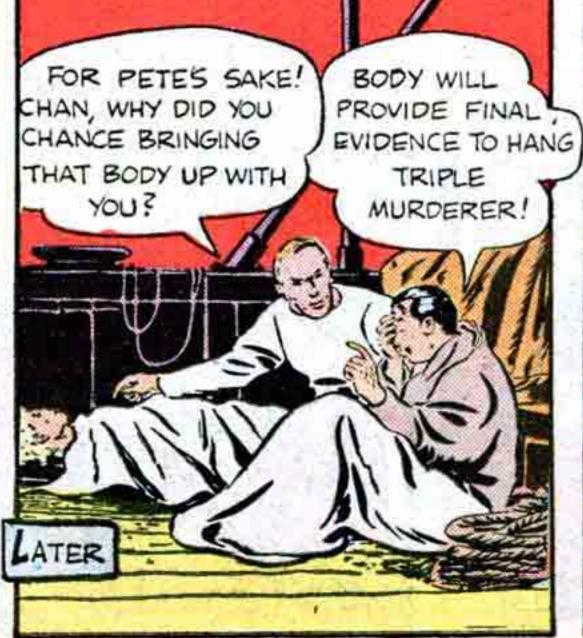




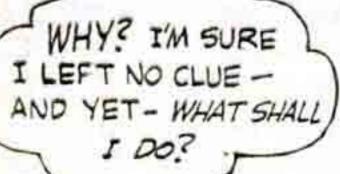






















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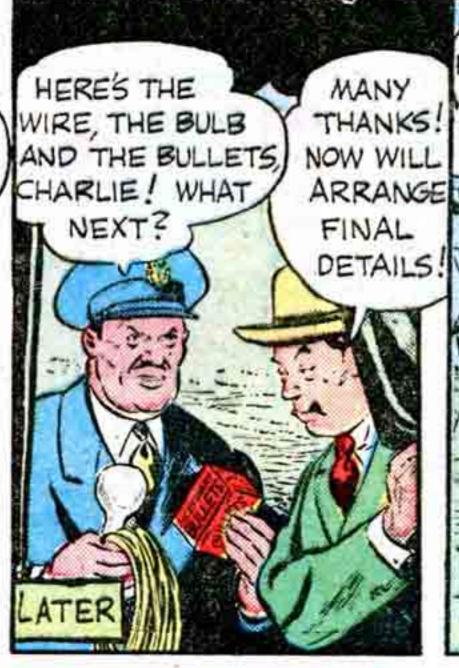
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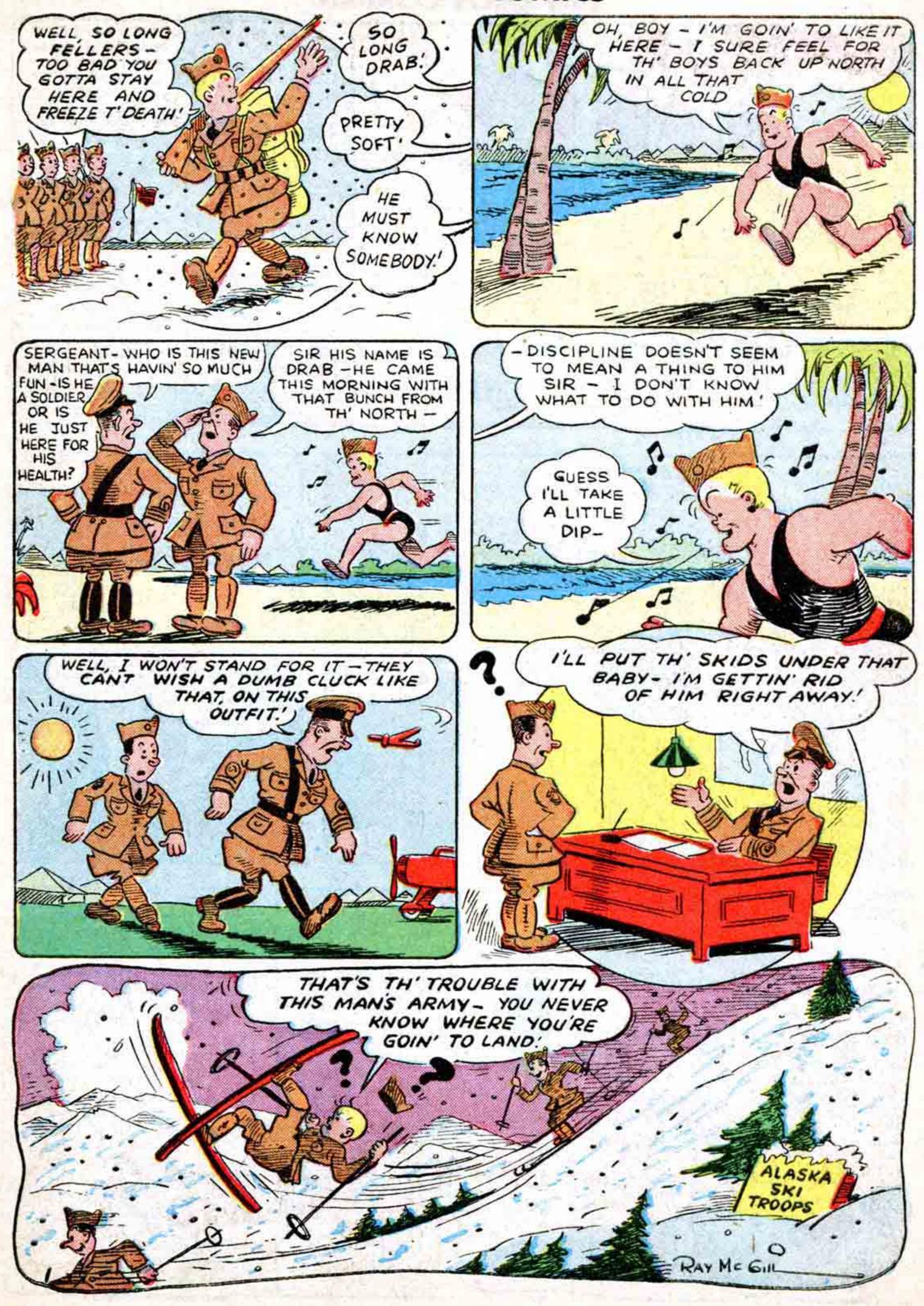


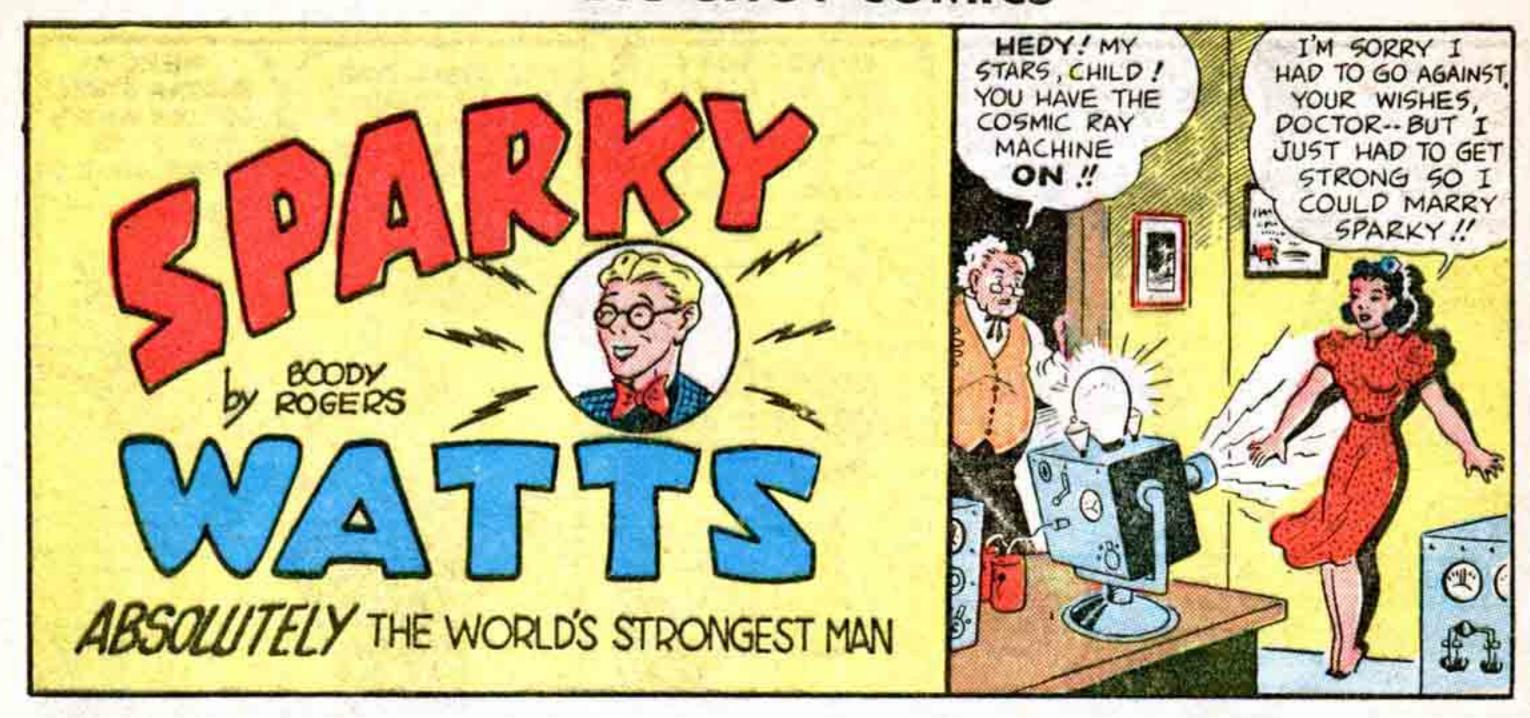




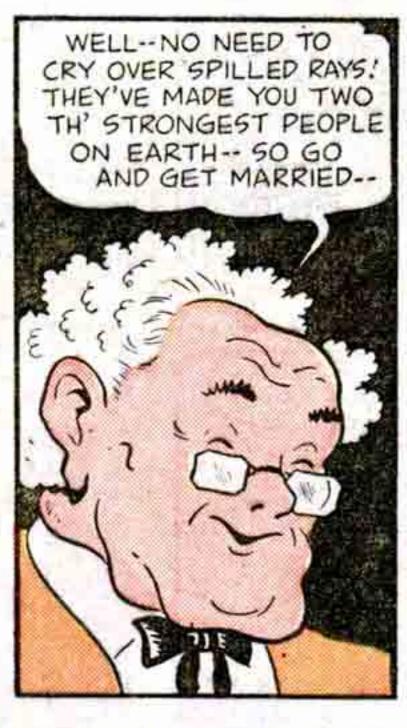










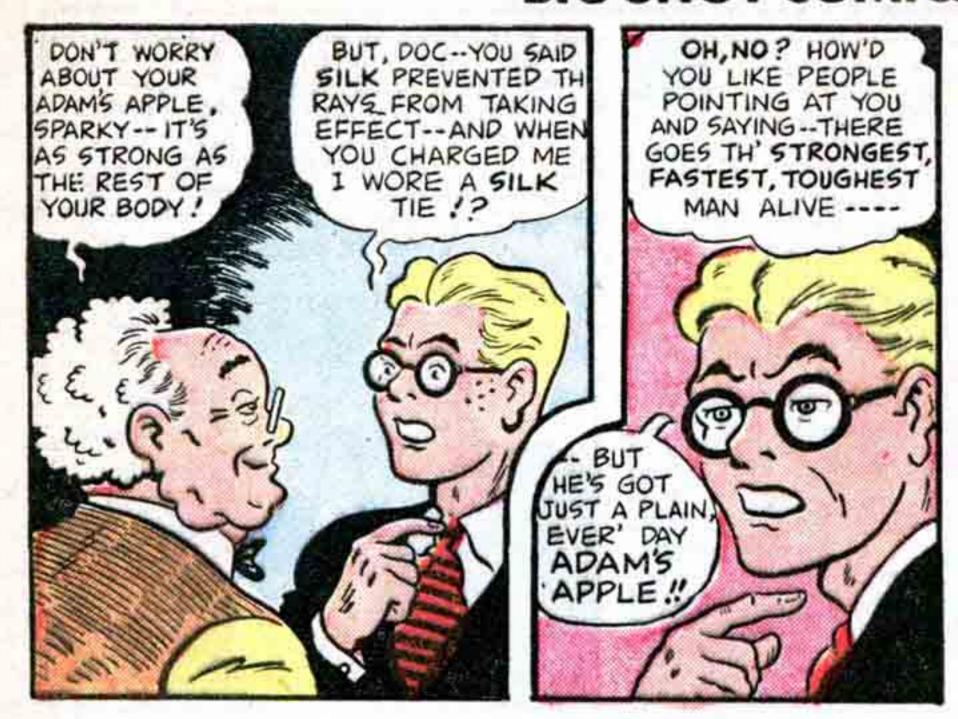




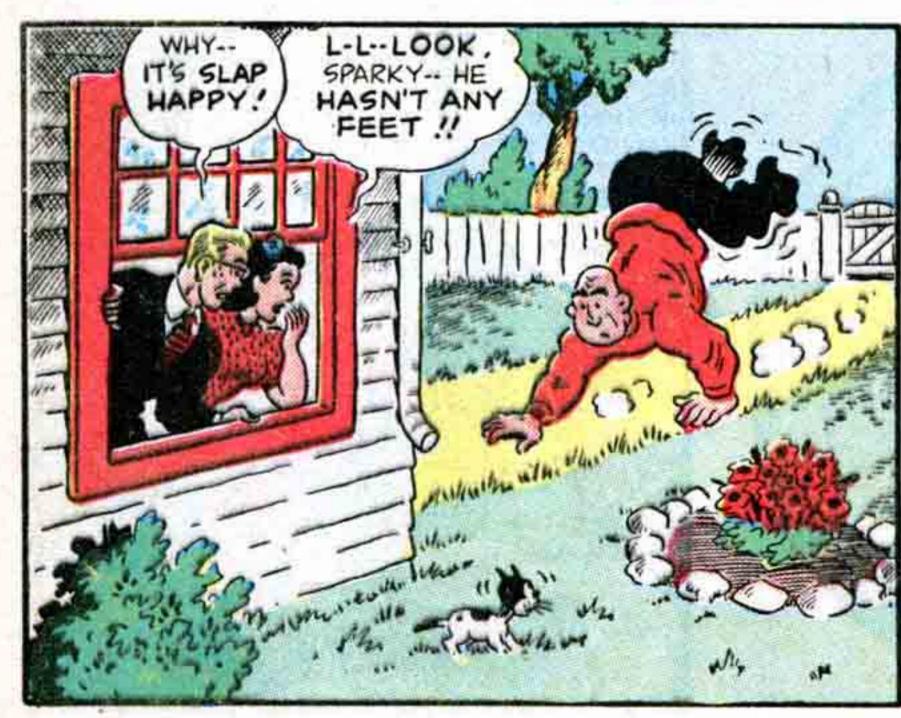




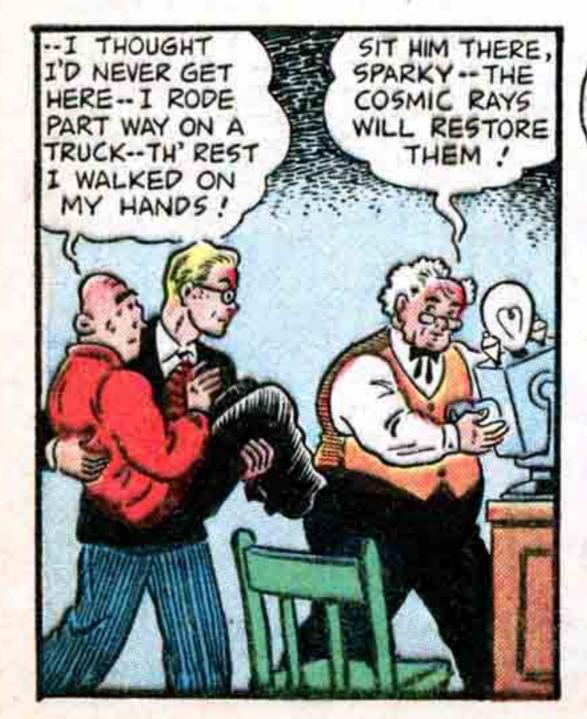


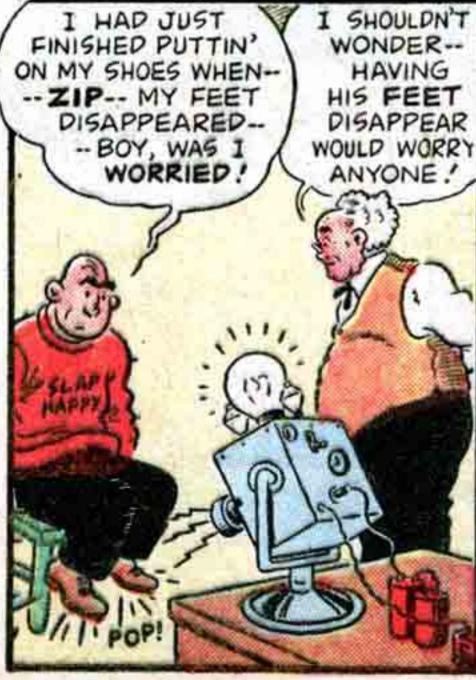












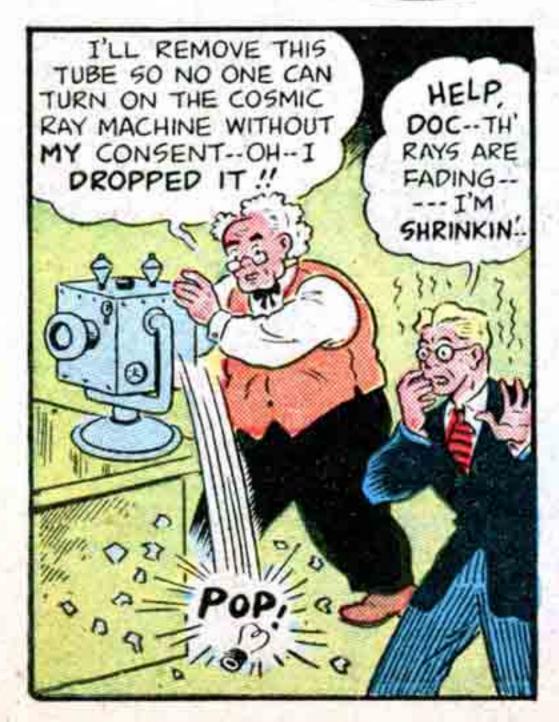




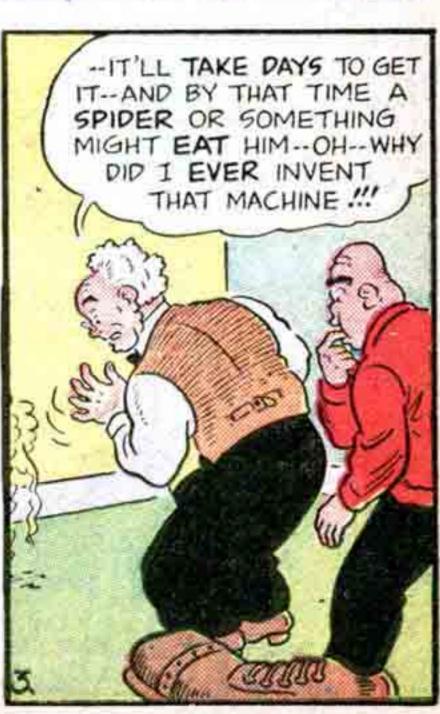




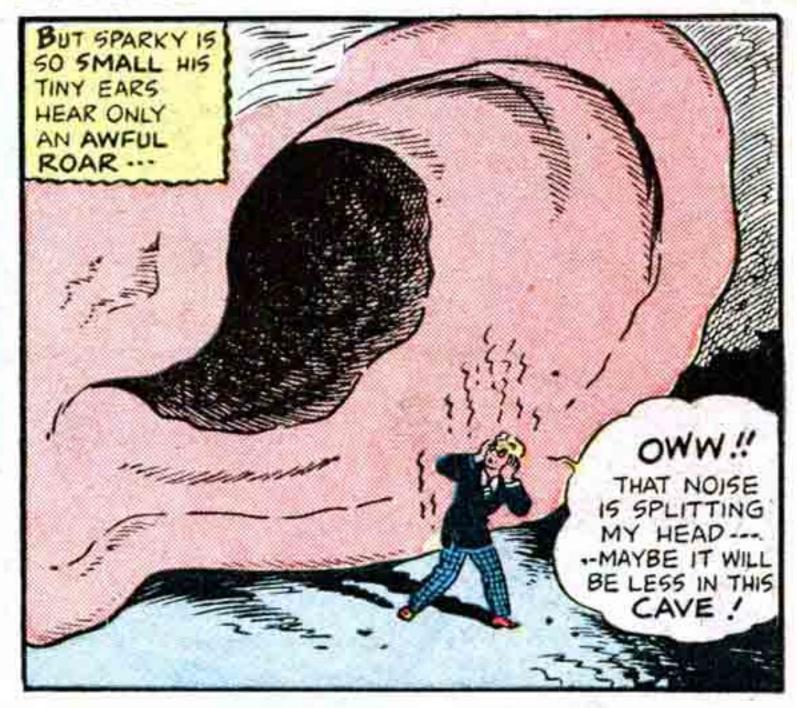




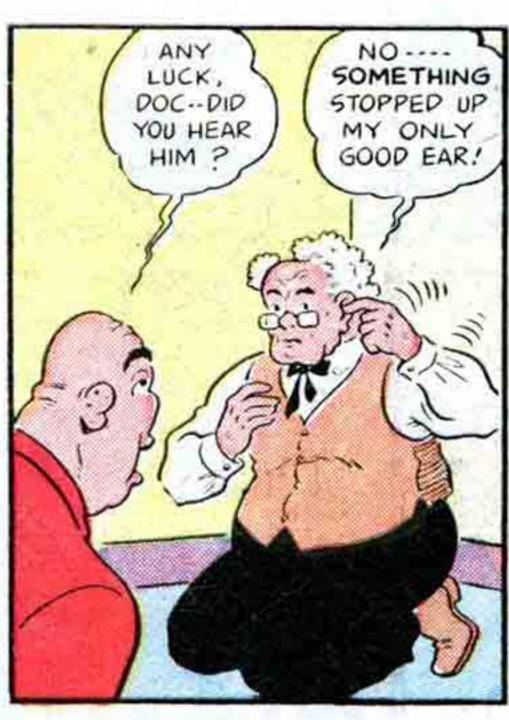


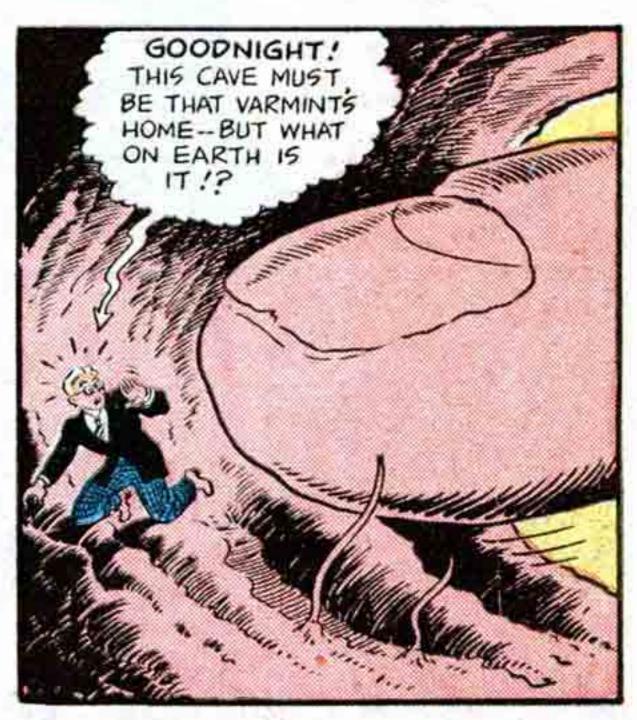




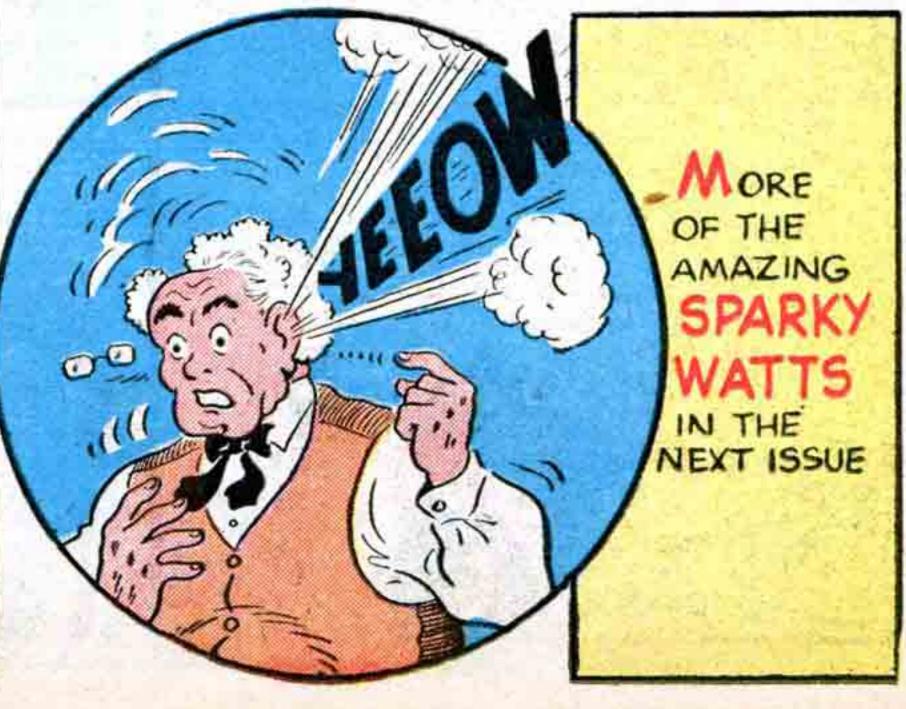
















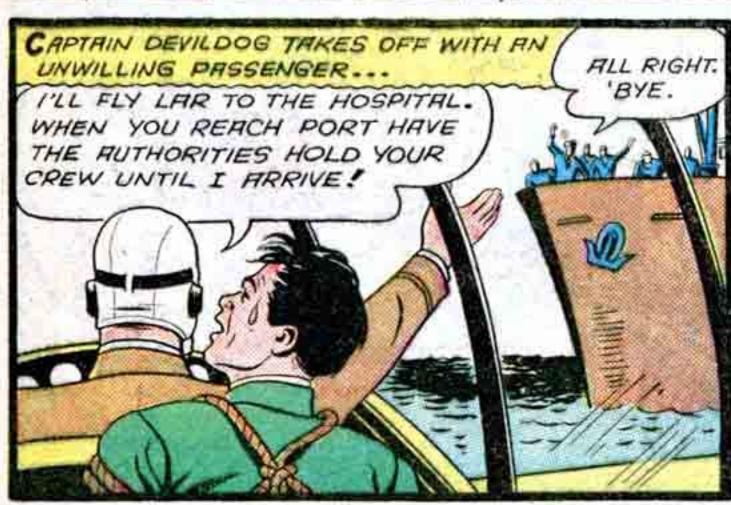


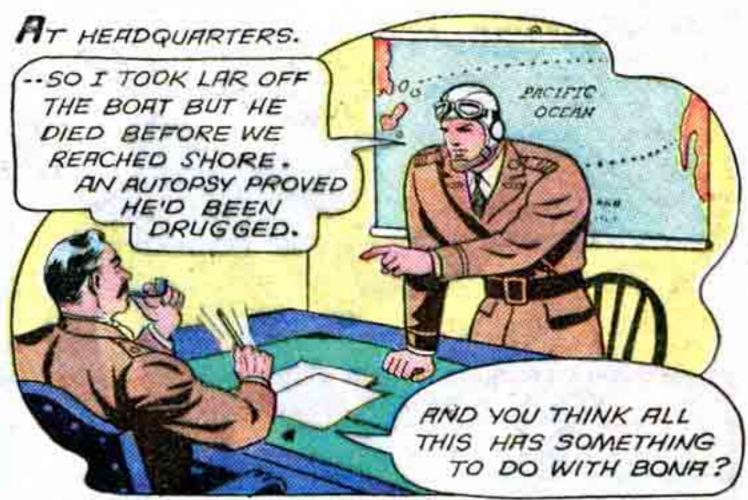


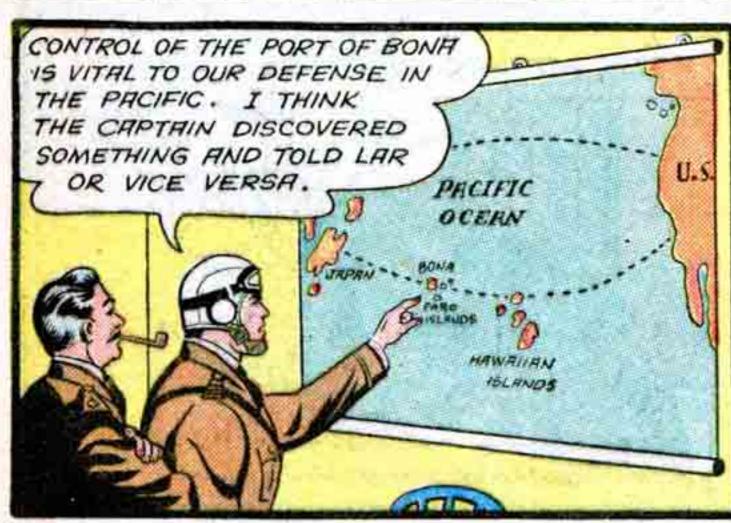










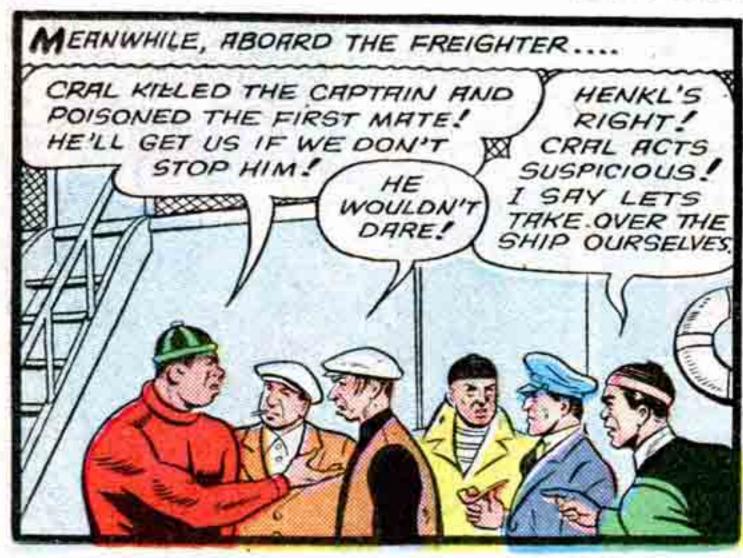






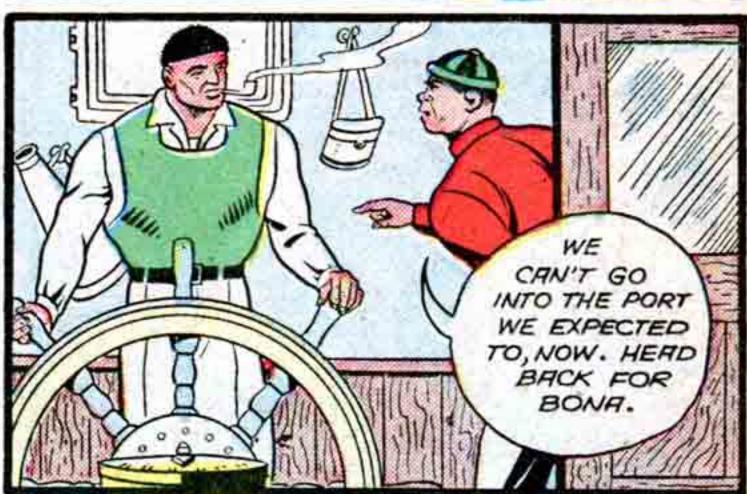
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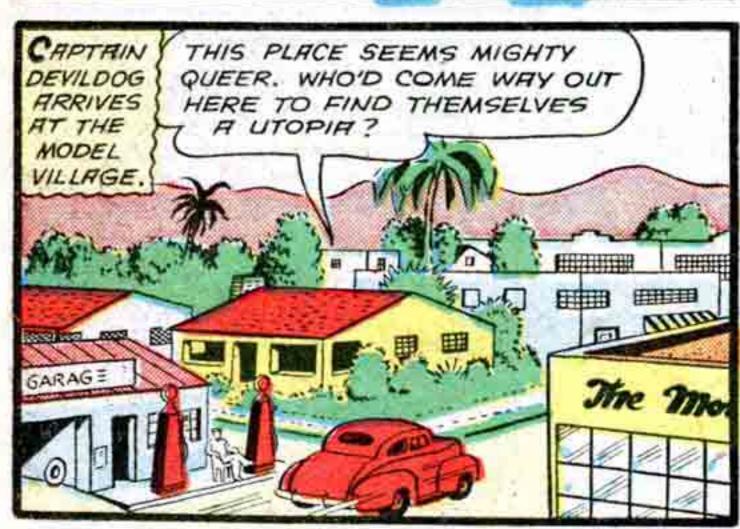




















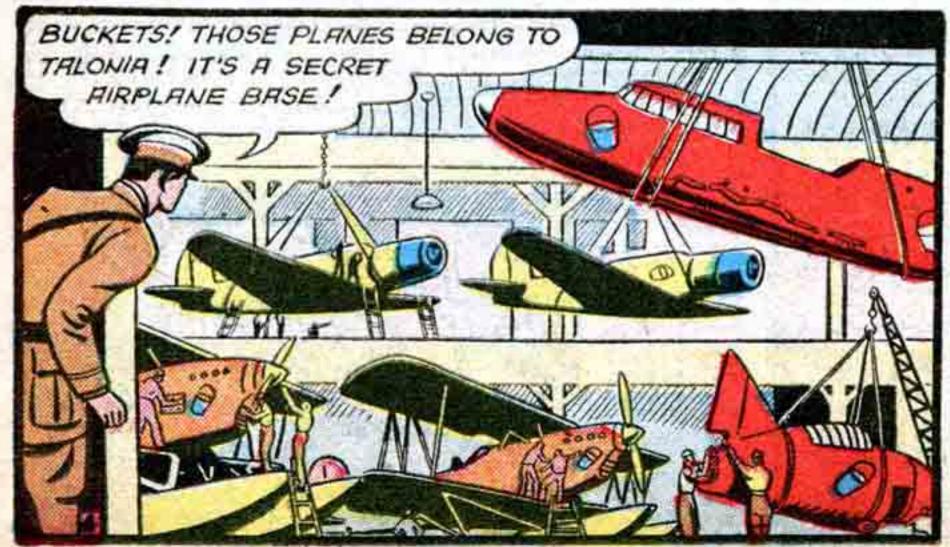








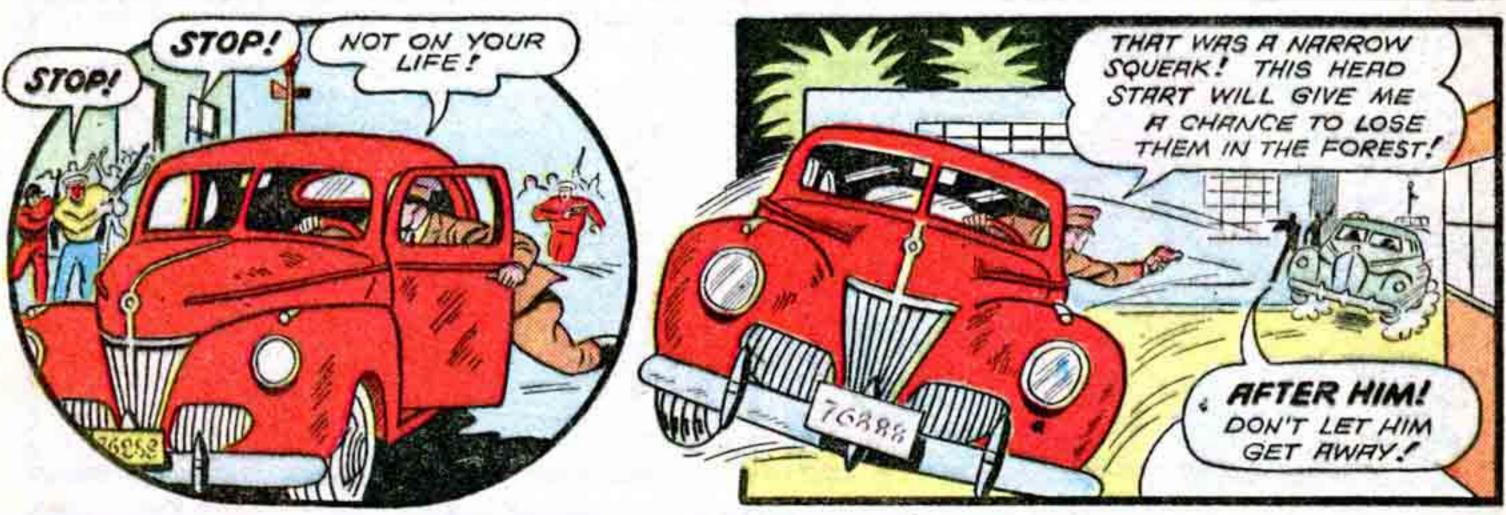






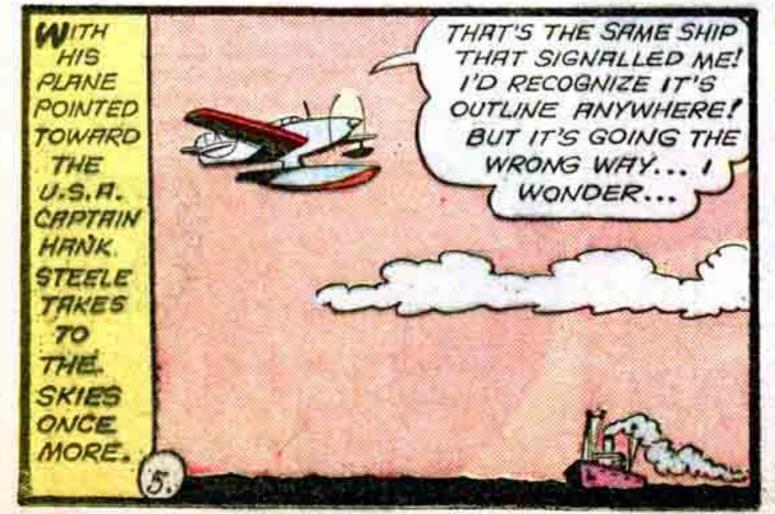




















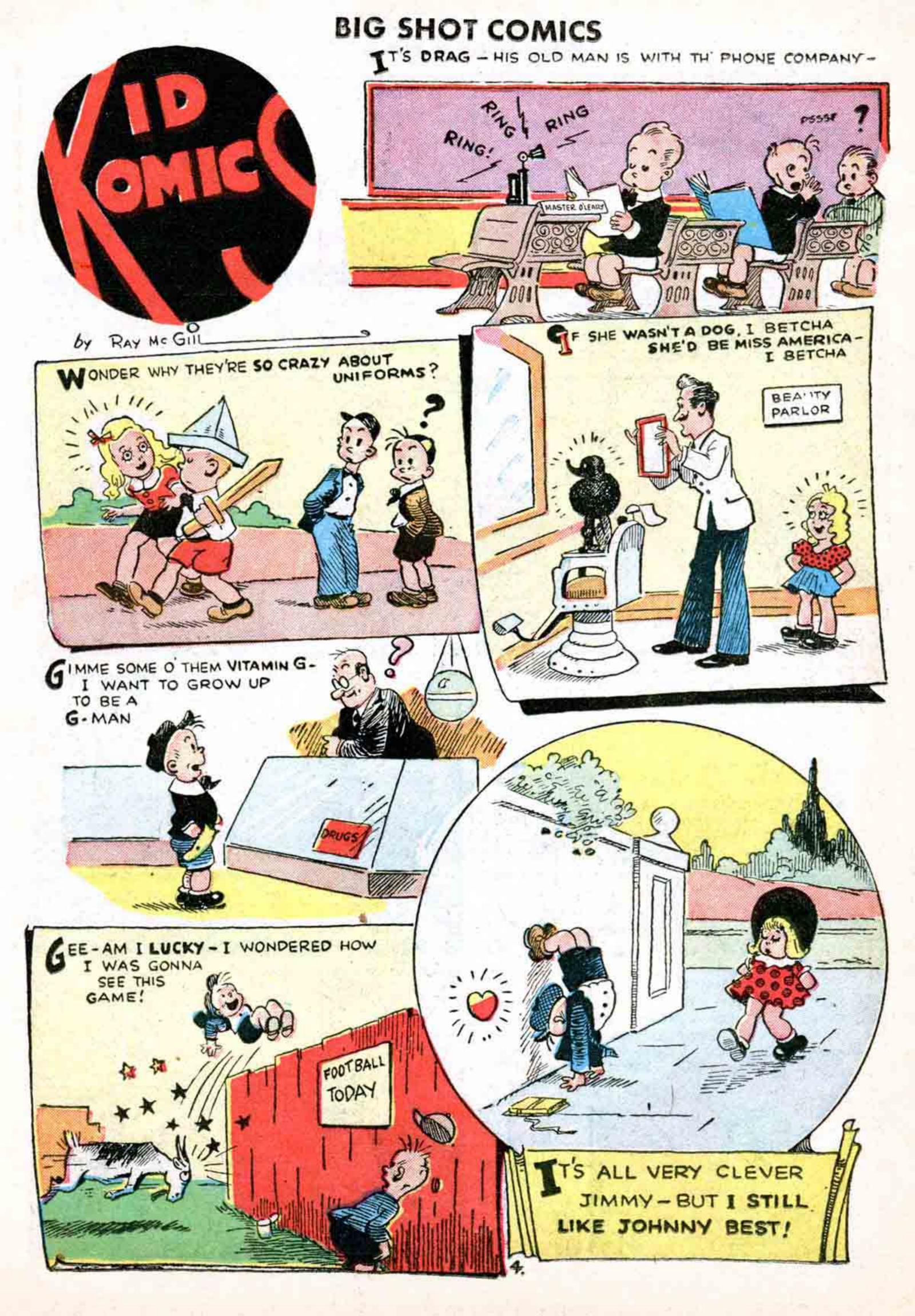


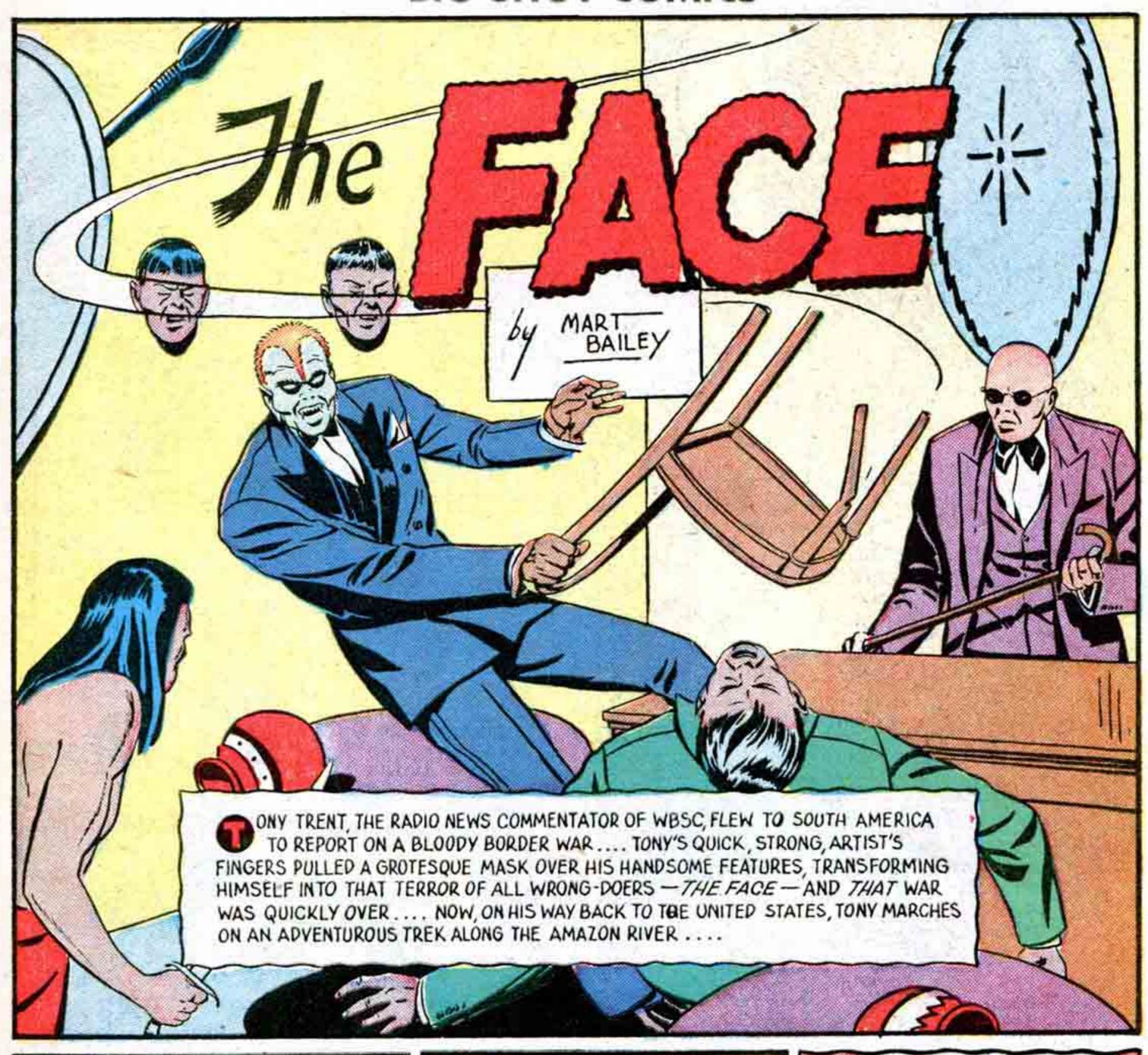


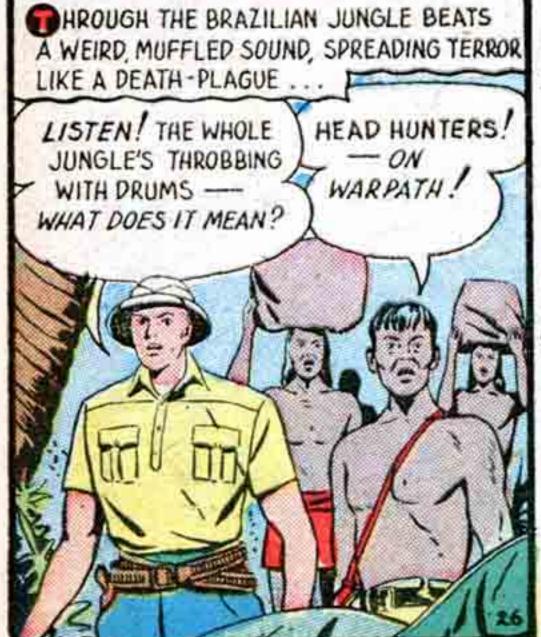




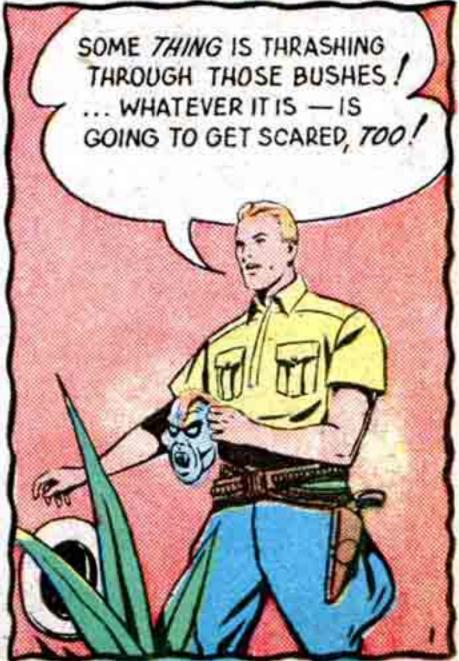
















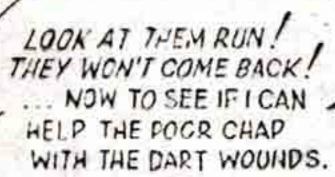




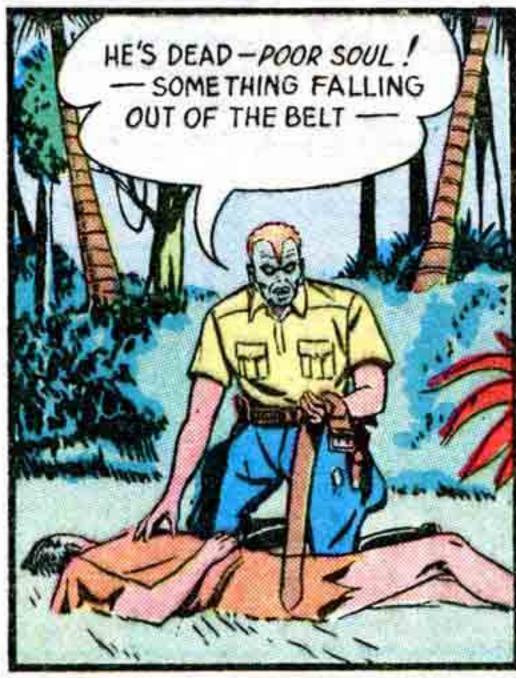


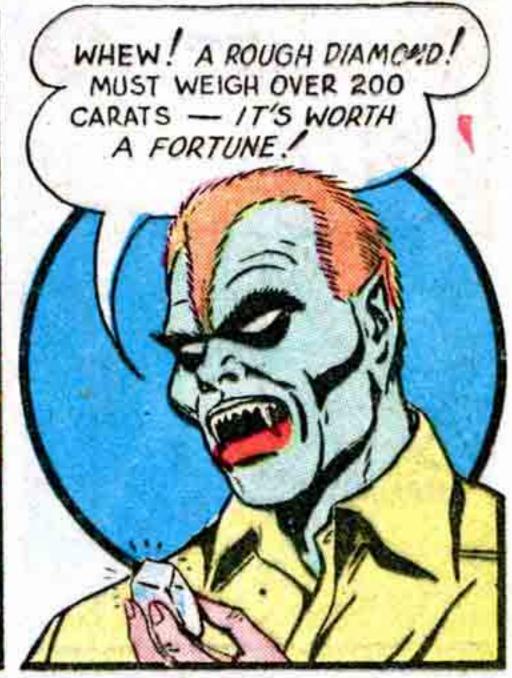












TONY TRENT BURIES THE
MYSTERIOUS VICTIM OF THE
POISONED DARTS....THEN
FOLLOWING THE OCEANWARD
FLOW OF THE AMAZON RIVER,
HE TRACKS THROUGH THE
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... AND REACHES THE CITY
OF PARA IN TIME TO CATCH
THE STEAMER MORCAW.





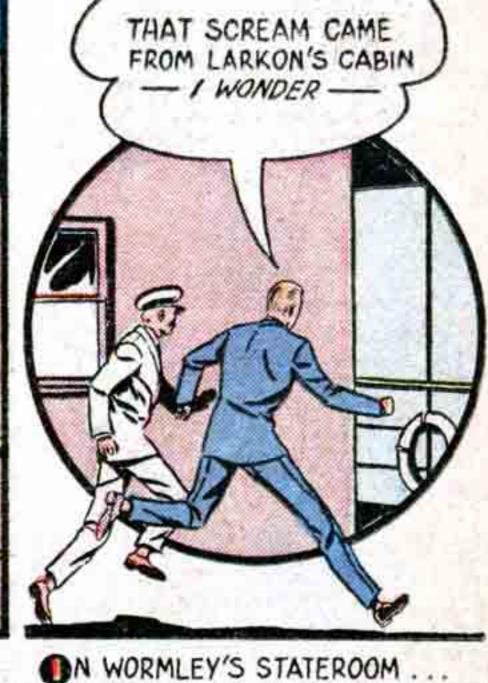




























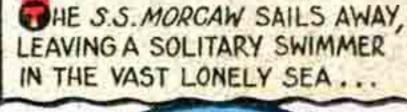




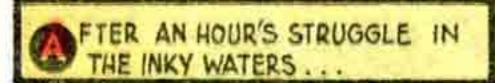












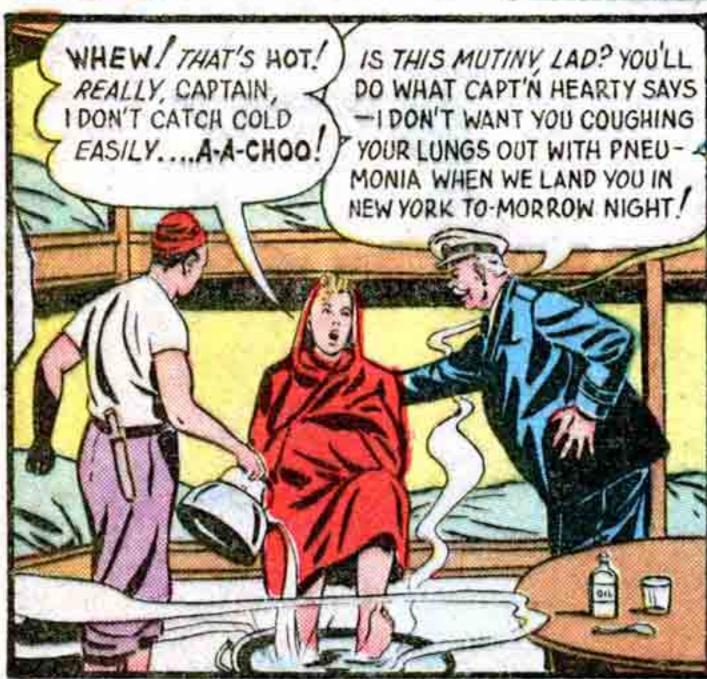
- BUT A LOT OF GOOD
THAT'LL DO ANYONE
OUT HERE ... SAY -







TRONG HANDS QUICKLY HAUL TONY



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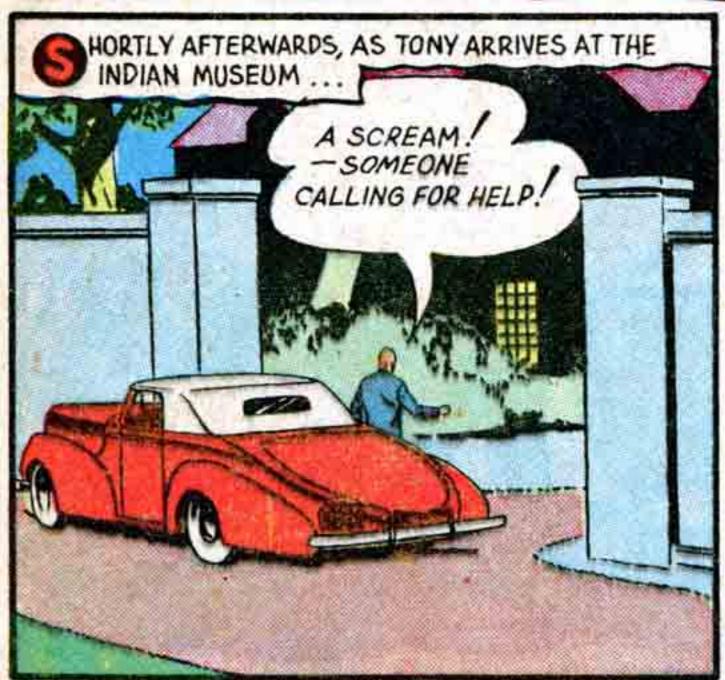


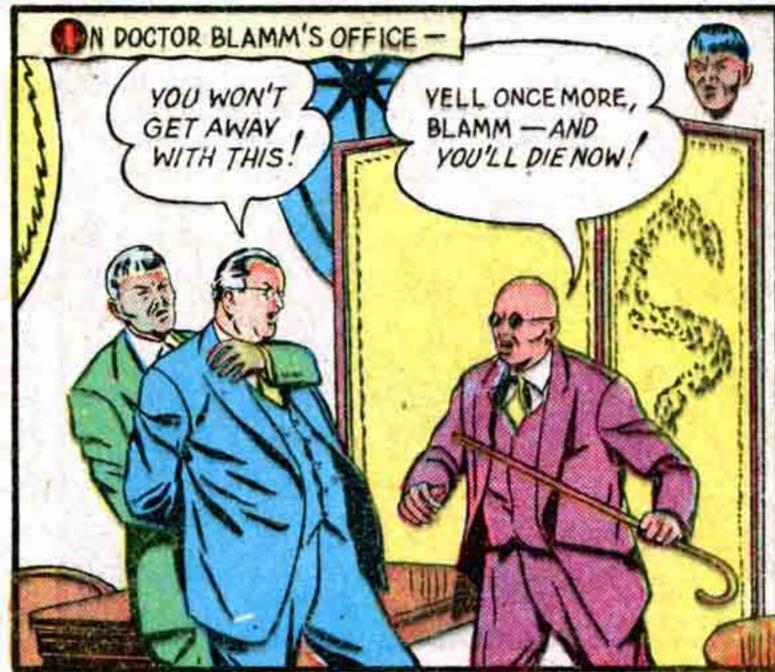


NOT QUITE. HE AND LARKON DOCTOR
WERE ON AN EXPEDITION BLAMM REFOR THE INDIAN MUSEUM. SIDES IN AN
DOCTOR BLAMM, THE OLD WING OF
MUSEUM DIRECTOR, SAYS THE MUSEUM.
THE DIAMOND WILL BE YOU COULD
SOLD FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE INDIANS. TO NIGHT, TONY.

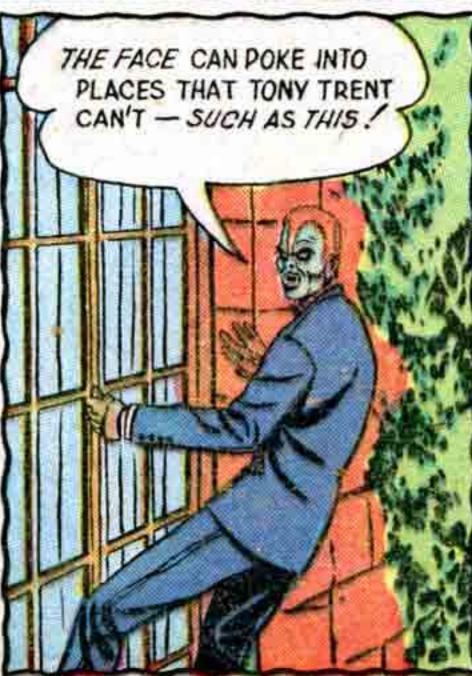
















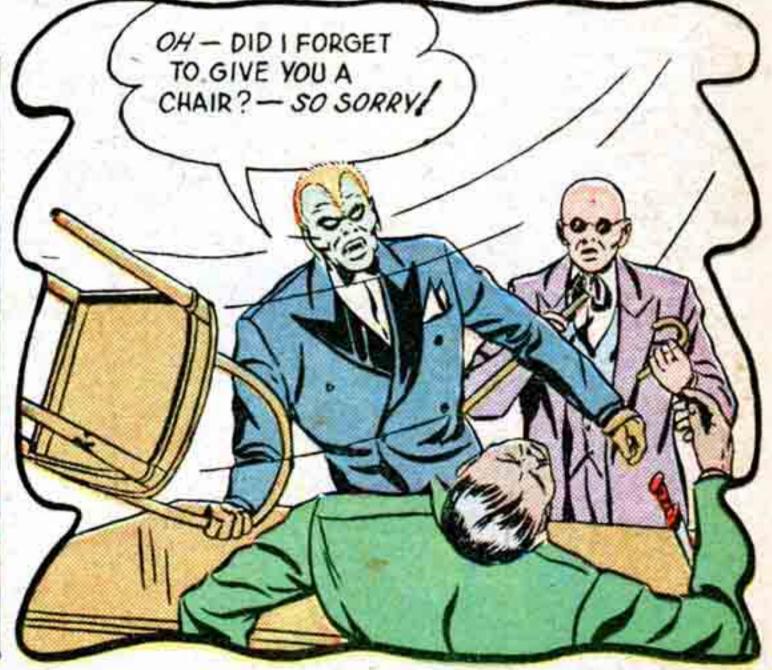
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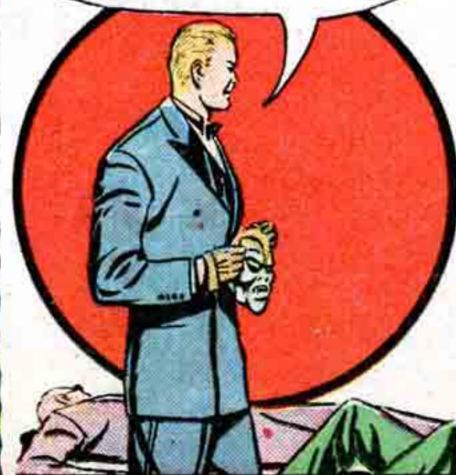
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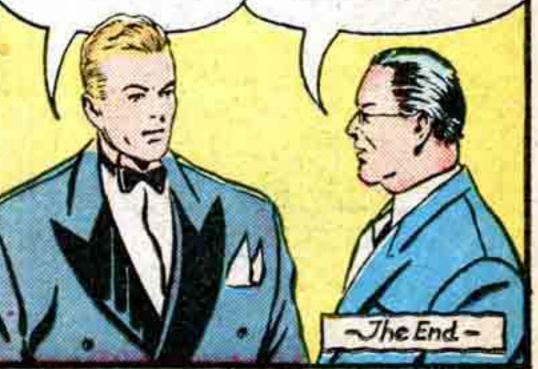


A BLOWGUN CANE, EH?
... YOU BOYS WILL GET
ME MAD IF YOU DON'T
STOP SHOOTING SPITBALLS!

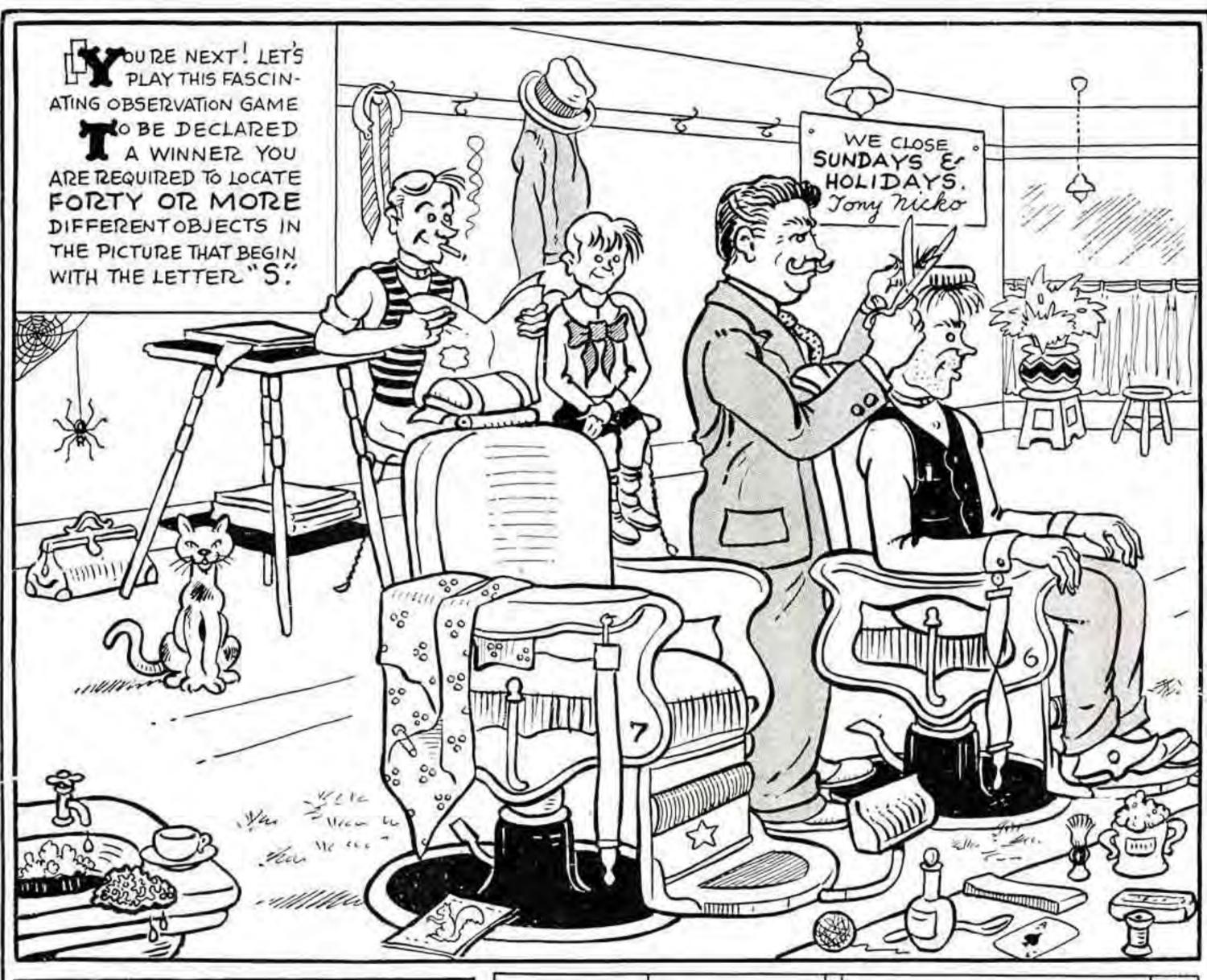
WORK FOR THE FACE ...
NOW TO RELEASE DOCTOR
BLAMM FROM THE CLOSET.

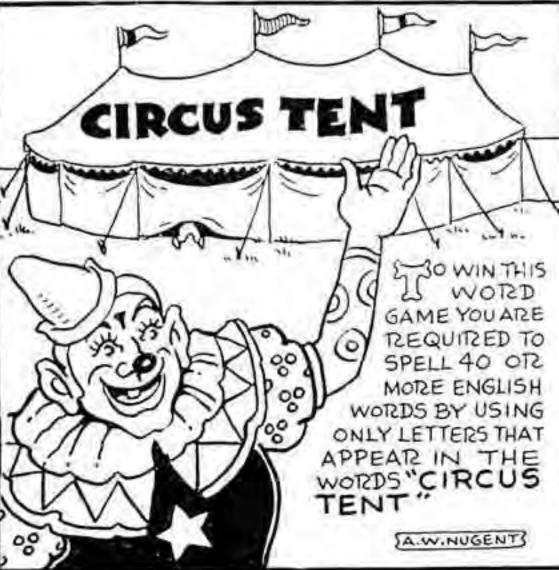


"WORMLEY" ISN'T HIS BATER ... REAL NAME. HE JUST SO WORMLEY WAS ADOPTED IT WHEN HE YOUR ASSISTANT, SHAVED OFF HIS HAIR DOCTOR BLAMM-SO LARKON WOULDN'T THAT'S HOW HE . RECOGNIZE HIM ON KNEW I WAS THE BOAT ... BUT BRINGING THE THANKS AGAIN TRENT FOR EVERYTHING. DIAMOND TO-NIGHT.



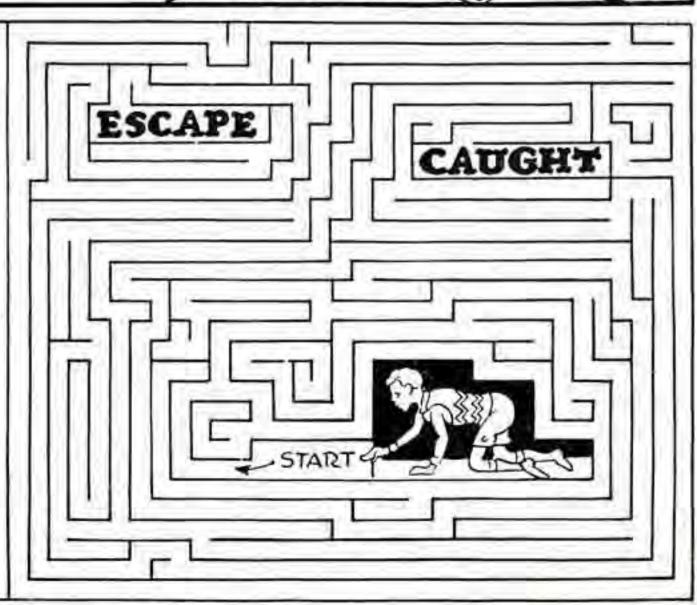
LET'S GAMES WHOSEN





G-BOY DICK SHARP ES-CAPED FROM A GANG OF KIDNAPPERS BY FINDING A SECRET PASSAGE.

THE WALLS
TO SEE IF
YOU COULD
GET OUT OF
THE OLD
HOUSE WITH
OUT BEING
CAUGHT.



The 97 Pound Weakling

-Who became "the World's Most Perfectly Developed Man"

"I'll prove that YOU too can be a NEW MAN!"

-Charles littas

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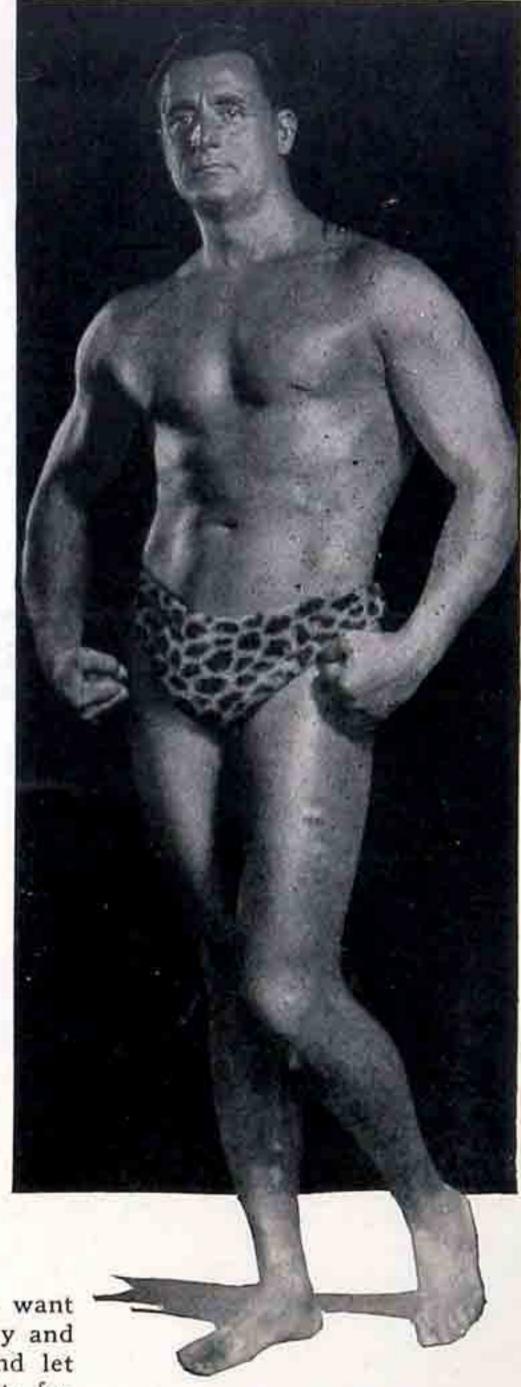
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Only 15 Minutes a Day

Do you want big, broad shoulders—a fine, powerful chest—biceps like steel—arms and legs rippling with muscular strength—a stomach ridged with bands of sinewy muscle—and a build you can be proud of? Then just give me the opportunity to prove that "Dynamic Tension" is what you need.

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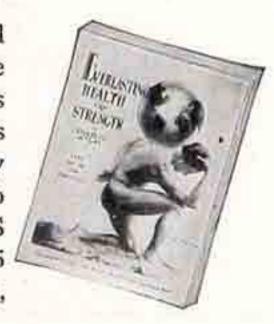
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